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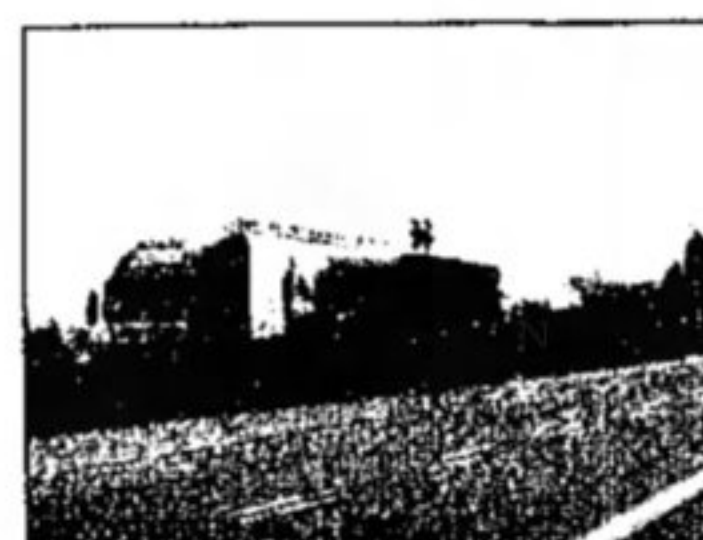
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Find out how Mid-Mon Valley residents spent their weekend.

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Rostraver cops laid off

An unexpected shortfall led to the furloughs of Mark Shemansky and Scott Abbott.

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ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP - For the first time in more than 20 years, the Rostraver Township Commissioners had to furlough police officers to cut costs.

But, the board expects the layoffs to be brief.

The commissioners Thursday approved temporary layoffs for

full-time officers Mark Shemansky and Scott Abbott.

Shemansky has been with the force since April 2002. Abbot was hired in June 2003.

Chairman Nick Lorenzo, a long-time commissioner, said Friday that the last time police officers were laid off in the township was in the mid-1980s.

Lorenzo, chairman of public safety, said the board had no choice but to cut the police force after an anticipated \$126,000 budget carryover was depleted by unexpected costs late last year.

"We only carried over \$13,000,"

Lorenzo said. "And we had to pay a \$400,000 tax anticipation loan."

The chairman said extra expenses late last year and in January forced the board to tap into its financial reserves.

He said higher-than-expected road maintenance costs last month and ongoing high fuel prices hit hard.

"We had a lot of extra expenses too, attorney's expenses and salt and fuel," Lorenzo said. "We started off with a shortfall. That's where the problem was ... just the rise of everything."

Lorenzo said the police budget is

about \$1.2 million.

The board began considering police department cuts in mid-January, Lorenzo said.

Lorenzo said the commissioners reluctantly approved the layoffs during an executive session during Wednesday's business meeting.

After the executive session, the board did not vote in public on the layoffs.

"That's personnel," Lorenzo said. "I did tell the board that we were going into the executive session and we were going to have to come

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Americans likely will use rebate to shop

A Valley development official said the economic-stimulus plan is a short-term solution.

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Congress' quick approval of an emergency tax rebate program leaves lingering questions: Who will be receiving the checks, how much will they receive and will they be enough to kick-start the economy.

Late Thursday, Congress passed an emergency plan that will rush rebates of \$600 to \$1,200 to most taxpayers and \$300 checks to disabled veterans, the elderly and other low-income people. President Bush announced he will sign it next week.

Rebate checks could begin arriving in May. They would be based on 2007 tax returns, which are due April 15.

Carroll Township-based accountant Pete Jenkins said those who get their 2007 returns in early have the best chance of receiving the rebates first.

Jenkins said the timetable set by the federal government doesn't appear to allow the Internal Revenue Service to wait until after April 15 to begin processing the added rebates.

So what does the plan mean for taxpayers? Jenkins outlined several scenarios.

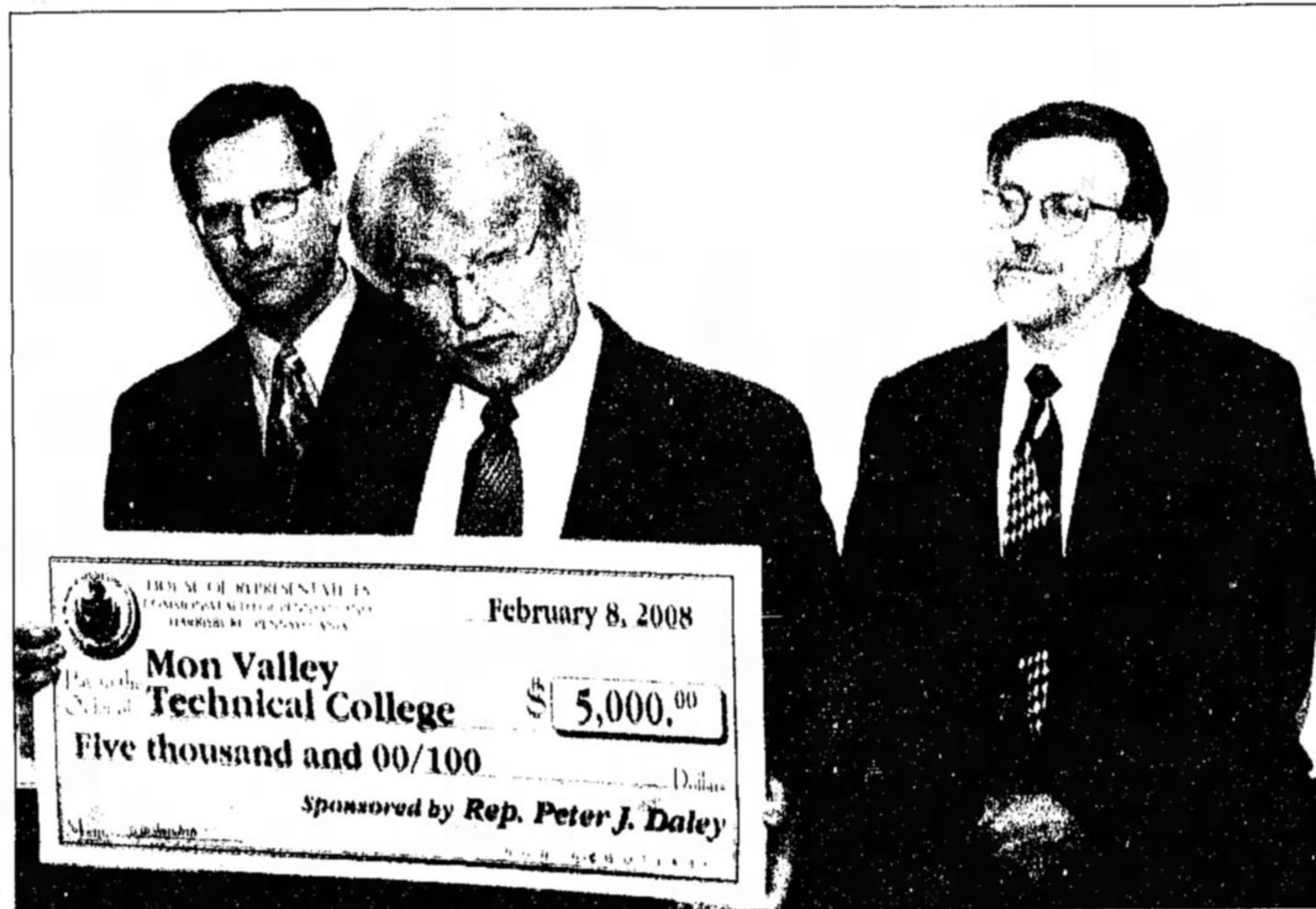
■ A single taxpayer who earned up to \$75,000 in 2007 will receive \$600. Those who made more than \$75,000 will receive a reduced amount, with those earning \$87,000 or more receiving no rebate. Because taxpayers will receive an additional \$300 per child, a single mother with one dependent child would receive \$900 if she earned less than \$75,000 in 2007.

■ Married couples whose combined earnings were less than \$150,000 will receive a rebate of \$1,200.

Couples who earned more than \$150,000 will receive a reduced amount, with those earning \$174,000 or more receiving no rebate. A married couple with two children, for example, would receive \$1,800.

■ Disabled veterans and the elderly will receive checks if they had at least \$3,000 of income in

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The Mon Valley Technical College will operate in Speers. With a state grant, from left, are Leonard A. Culelli, California University of Pennsylvania; Dr. Patrick Gerity, Westmoreland County Community College; and Brad DeiCas, Mon Valley Career and Technology Center.

Technical college graduates could be on the job in 2009

The initial class soon will begin their studies at the new site in Speers.

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SPEERS - Within a month, the Valley's first technical college students could be attending classes at the Mon Valley Career and Technology Center in Speers.

By the fall of 2009, as many as 18 students could be entering the workforce, earning \$18,000 to \$24,000 a year installing air conditioning equipment or working on computers.

That is the goal of state Rep. Peter J. Daley, D-California, along with education and business leaders who helped organize the program.

The formal announcement was made Friday in the Mon Valley Tech Access Room, a two-way Web-based room with multiple laptop computers available for distance learning.

Although it is a separate program, it will be operated in conjunction with Westmoreland County Community College. Students will take technical classes at the Speers site, but can take basic education classes such as English and math at WCCC's Mon Valley campus in Rostraver Township.

The 18-month, 60-credit program will cost \$73 per credit for Westmoreland County students and \$146 a credit for all others.

However, Daley presented a \$5,000 check to Dr. Patrick E. Gerity, WCCC vice president of workforce and community development, for student scholarships. The grant from the state Community Revitalization Program will provide tuition assistance for six to eight students, reducing the in-county rate tuition in the first semester for out-of-county students.

Four years ago, Daley introduced legislation to create a technical college system statewide. He said there was no such system and just two technical colleges statewide, the Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology and Pennsylvania College of Technology.

At the same time, Daley formed the Mon Valley Community Education Council to support creation of a technical college in the Valley.

The Mon Valley Progress Council has provided consulting services for the Mon Valley Community Education Council, which included business and education leaders.

The state budget approved last summer provided \$2 million to

establish technical college programs during 2007-08 with the long-term goal of establishing 10 programs over the next several years.

WCCC was the sole recipient of the Pennsylvania Department of Education's new demonstration

"We were losing too many of our young people who did not want to get a four-year degree."

State Rep. Peter J. Daley

grants to establish technical college programs.

California University of Pennsylvania also is involved in the new program and took part in the ceremony Friday.

"We were losing too many of our young people who did not want to get a four-year degree," Daley said.

Daley said the former Montgomery Ward building in Charleroi originally was considered to house the program before Southwestern Pennsylvania Human Services, Inc. moved in to that site.

"My vision is for young people to get an education, an opportunity for them to be trained in something they can get a job in," Daley said.

Cieply served together for eight years.

"He was a good friend of the family," the mayor said of Cieply. "Even after he was no longer a councilman, he still cared about the city."

During his time on council, Cieply was instrumental in the construction of the Veterans War

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Monessen mourning 'true public servant'

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MONESSEN - Friends of Joseph "Feecho" Cieply say they will remember his devotion to his hometown and passion to always help others.

The longtime city councilman, retired steelworker and proud veteran died Wednesday with his

family at his side.

Mayor Anthony Petaccia said the city lost a friend.

"His heart was always in Monessen," said Petaccia, whose father, the late Anthony Petaccia, served with Cieply on city council. "He was a good man who truly cared about the people in this city."

Cieply served as a councilman from 1974 to 1976 and from 1978 to 1990. Petaccia's father and

VALLEY PEOPLE

Seven Springs limits fireplace use

The decision followed a fire that claimed two Valley residents.

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Seven Springs Mountain Resort in Somerset County has temporarily banned the use of fireplaces in its 19 long-term rental units in the wake of a fire last month that killed a couple.

A condominium fire that killed Jonathan M. Murt, 22, of Rostraver Township, and Sasha A. Zuro, 26, of Washington Township, started in a chimney Jan. 27 and was ruled accidental.

Seven Springs spokesman Bob Duppsstadt said renters have been informed that a determination will be made on the future use of the fireplaces after they are

checked and cleaned.

A state police fire marshal said the 1 a.m. fire started in the flue of a fireplace of the 12-unit structure in the Sunridge section of The Villages at Seven Springs Mountain Resort in Middlecreek.

"We sent a letter to certain communities and property owners informing them of the temporary ban," Duppsstadt said.

"We're reviewing the past cleaning records and inspecting the flues for possible corrosion."

Duppsstadt said the temporary ban impacts only the long-term units that are rented for a month or the entire ski season.

He said individual homeowners at the resort are not restricted.

He was uncertain how long the inspections and possible repairs would take.

The resort already has a

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BOB DUPPSSTADT
SEVEN SPRINGS SPOKESMAN

policy banning fireplace use in its short-term units, which are rented to customers for a week or weekend.

Duppsstadt said the renters were informed of the temporary ban in a Feb. 1 letter.

Yesteryear



This photo was taken in 1950 at 609 Third St., Monessen, as Tony Mascetta was about to leave for service in the U.S. Army. From left are Alex Mascetta, National Guard; Louis Reno; Joseph Mascetta; Alfred Tarquinio; and Tony Mascetta. In front is Tony Reno. Seen behind the group is Duronio's Beer Distributor. The photo was submitted by Tony Mascetta, of Monessen.

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2007. A late change made by Congress allows those receiving Social Security or veteran benefits to apply that as income for 2007.

Jenkins said he expects the plan will have the desired effect.

"People aren't going to bank \$600 or \$1,200," Jenkins said. "If they were getting several thousand dollars, they might be tempted to bank it. But with this kind of money, they're going to spend it."

Jenkins said he has already received twice the number of appointments to handle tax returns that he normally sees by this point in the tax season.

"People are really hurting; they need the money," Jenkins said. "And I think a lot of it has to do with the gasoline cost. It's killing them just to get to work and back."

"I've never heard it like this year — people need the money."

Joe Kirk, executive director of the Mon Valley Progress Council, said the rebates will have a short-term impact on the economy. But Kirk said long-term solutions to improving the economy would include reducing the deficit and easing the credit issues related to the mortgage crisis.

Weather

Sunday



High 20
Low 12

Monday



High 28
Low 20

Tuesday



High 42
Low 28

Wednesday



High 42
Low 28

Thursday



High 42
Low 25

Rostraver Elementary students have heart



From left, fourth-graders Payton Troy, Rachel Navarro, Michaela Yaggl and Dakota Symons jump rope Friday during the first annual Jump Rope for Heart Event in the Rostraver Elementary School gymnasium. Students have been practicing their skills for the past five weeks while raising money for the American Heart Association. The students raised more than \$17,000. Navarro, 9, raised \$1,500, the most of any student at the school.

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Cops (FROM PAGE ONE)

out and bite the bullet. I think the board did and excellent job by agreeing to do this because it's the only way were going to end up balancing out."

Lorenzo called the layoffs a last resort.

"We had to go into the reserve money to pay the bills for January," he said. "The only way you can balance this out without crippling the township is to have a layoff. We really went back and forth hard, because I didn't want to get into July and say we are in trouble, so we talked about laying off. Of course, we couldn't lay off in the road department. It's

wintertime."

Lorenzo said the township was paying each of the furloughed officers about \$3,900 a month.

He said the layoffs are expected to last until real estate tax revenue begins to arrive.

"I don't think it will be three months," he said. "Definitely, they're going to be called back. That's not the issue. The issue was for us to protect the township so we don't get into such a deficit that we can't get out of it."

Officer George Milkent left the police force for another job late last year. Lorenzo said the move

helped the township financially and that a third layoff might have occurred without Milkent's departure.

Lorenzo said the commissioners talked extensively with police chief Greg Resetar before approving the furloughs.

"The chief was fighting me not to do this," Lorenzo said. "He was really beating his brains out."

Lorenzo said there are enough officers to cover all shifts.

"The chief showed me he can definitely make it work," he said.

Brian Sokol called the layoffs "the hardest

decision" he's had to make in 13 years as a commissioner.

"It's economics," he said. "I guess it goes along with the shape our economy is in. It just finally caught up with us."

"I'm disappointed. It's always tough when you lay somebody off, but you have to look at the whole scope of things. But, we're not the only people that have laid somebody off."

Sokol was optimistic that the officers would return to work soon.

"The police are very near and dear to me," he said. "I feel strongly about those guys."

Mourning (FROM PAGE ONE)

Memorial in the city's Eastgate section.

Former Mayor James Sepesky, who served from 1977 to 1990, described his longtime friend as a "true public servant."

"Joe Cieply always made decisions for the betterment of his community," Sepesky said.

Sepesky has fond memories of playing fast pitch softball with Cieply on the Monessen PNA team many years ago, and of working for him as a youngster when Cieply owned a gas station on Schoonmaker Avenue.

There friendship turned into a working relationship as city officials.

"He worked hard for the Veterans Memorial and for the soccer field," Sepesky said of the athletic facility at Shawnee Park.

"When he gave you his word, it was his bond."

City Treasurer Frank "Bucky" Rizzuto Sr. called Cieply a great "mentor" who gave him advice when he was elected in 1986.

"He came in and sort of took me under his wing. I will always remember he wanted to please people and always followed up with people," Rizzuto said.

Rizzuto also recalls Cieply as being very cautious of the city's finances and spending.

"He was like the watchdog for the city," he said.

Cieply will be missed in city veteran's organizations.

"It's a loss for the whole community," said fellow veteran and lifelong friend Leonard Babinski.

Babinski, who attended Monessen High School and was drafted at the same time as Cieply, will never forget a chance meeting in Europe at the end of World War II in 1945.

"I was on a convoy through Germany and we stopped to get something to eat," Babinski said. "I couldn't believe it. There was Joe Cieply."

They spoke briefly and remembered those days in the years that followed. "Joe was a go-getter and he had a lot of ambition," Babinski said. "I'm sad to know he is gone."

Cieply retired from Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Co. as supervisor of security and safety for the Monessen and Allenport plants. Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Olga Homas Cieply. A complete obituary appears on page 4A.

DISTRICT COURT

Joseph Dalfonso

The following preliminary hearings were held Friday before Magisterial District Judge Joseph Dalfonso, Monessen:

■ Zachary W. Benning, 20, 70 Dairy Road, Charleroi; charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia Nov. 3 on Reeves Avenue, Monessen; charges were waived to court.

■ Josue Estella, 29, of 301 Ella St., Belle Vernon; charged with false alarms to agencies of public safety, theft of services, and disorderly conduct Nov. 17 at Redd Dawg's, Rostraver Township. The charges were withdrawn. He was accused of activating a fire alarm at Redd Dawg's, causing an evacuation. He also allegedly left the bar without paying his tab and took a pitcher of beer.

Mark Wilson

The following cases were brought before Magisterial District Judge Mark Wilson in Monongahela:

■ Sean Lamar Dungee, 21, of 1008 park Manor, Monessen, was charged with recklessly endangering and criminal mischief Jan. 21 by Donora police. The case was dismissed.

■ Michael Gori, 51, of 948 McKean Ave., Donora, was charged with violating a borough ordinance concerning parking private vehicles for business use on borough streets Dec. 27 by Donora police. He was found guilty.

■ Roderick Daniel Lavelle, 51, of Pittsburgh, was charged with writing bad checks Oct. 24. The case was held for court.

■ Leroy Youngblood, 61, of 317 Thompson Ave., Donora, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and driving while his license was suspended Jan. 6 by Donora police. The case was waived to court.

■ David L. Scott, 54, of 464 Eighth St., Donora, was charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest Jan. 8 by Donora police. The charges were withdrawn.

■ Donna Bates, 40, of 799 Cassidy Ave., Monongahela, was charged with altered documents and traffic violations Jan. 8 by Donora police. The case was dismissed.

■ Lionel Robinson Bonner, 33, of 600 Union St., McKeesport, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia Dec. 30 by Donora police. The charges were held for court.

■ Tiffany Noel McNary, 23, of 34 Bowman St., Charleroi, was charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and traffic violations Dec. 29 by Donora police. The case was dismissed because the arresting officer did not appear.

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Travel experiences earth-shattering

A memorable trip to Charleroi covered thousands of miles.

By JEFF OLIVER

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Since he left Charleroi 50 years ago to get married, Al Cappelli has experienced more in his life than the average person.

He has seen the world, thanks to a 20-year career in the U.S. Air Force and a long stint with IBM.

Cappelli and his fiancé, Mickey Rider, of Stockdale, "ran off" to get married Feb. 1, 1958.

And from there, the ride was more bumpy and exciting than anything Disney World could conceive.

Cappelli has been to England, Turkey, Alaska — twice — Spain, North Africa, France and, believe it or not, Charleroi, Belgium, that is.

"While we were in England, we took our English car on a boat to France and traveled around," Cappelli, 74, recalled. "A funny thing happened while we were in Belgium."

"When I was a kid in school I read of a town in Belgium called Charleroi and I decided to visit it. Wouldn't you know it, the car broke down about five miles out of town."

"We hitched a ride and while the car was being fixed we walked all over Charleroi."



He also has seen the pope at the Vatican and his wife has shaken hands with two presidents — Lyndon Johnson and Jimmy Carter.

"She met Jimmy Carter coming out of a Dairy Queen in Las Vegas," he quipped.

Strangely, during the Cappellis' travels, another interesting phenomenon seemed to follow them from place to place.

Natural disasters. While in Biloxi, Miss., Hurricane Camille rolled

through and devastated the Gulf Coast.

On a trip to Turkey, a serious earthquake caused major damage to that region.

In 1989, while living in San Jose, Calif., the Cappellis were caught in the major earthquake that killed many and was captured on television during the World Series.

"We were getting ready to eat dinner and things started to shake and my wife said we better get out of the house," he said. "I

Valley exports

A weekly look at people who left the Valley

Mickey and Al Cappelli ran off to get married in 1958 and have been on the move for much of the time since then. Their many adventures included a trip to Europe. Al Cappelli grew up in Charleroi, Pa., and the jaunt to Europe included a stop in Charleroi, Belgium. The couple recently celebrated its 50th anniversary.

looked outside at the pool and water was flapping out of it.

"It was something we will never forget."

They lived for a time in Minnesota, and one winter, it snowed so much that people could not drive their vehicles.

Cappelli laughs about his experiences with Mother Nature and the many times he has felt her wrath.

Then he paused for a moment and said, "It wasn't really that bad. We

lived in California 23 years and there was only one disaster!"

The frightening experiences apparently have not changed his sense of humor.

"We better not come back to Charleroi or the Valley would flood."

Cappelli's Air Force career was spent dealing with electronics. After retirement in 1974, he went to England with Ford Aerospace as part of a satellite track program.

Upon Cappelli's return from England, he hooked up with IBM as an electronics engineer and manufacturing manager.

Cappelli retired from IBM in 1991 and moved to the Las Vegas area, where the couple has lived since.

Even though he is close to the gambling capital of the world, Cappelli claims he has never made a wager.

"I can't say that for my wife," he added, chuckling.

The Cappellis still have family in the Mid-Mon Valley.

They like to entertain them in Vegas, and the couple visits the Valley, when possible.

"We like to travel," he said. "We spend time in California, Pennsylvania and Ohio."

Referring to the milestone anniversary he recently celebrated with his wife, Cappelli cracked, "We've been married for 50 years and I've been happy for 25 of them."



A member of the Washington County Hazardous Materials Team works to stop a leak in a tank truck involved in a crash Friday on Interstate 70 near Bentleyville.

Accidents snarl Interstate 70

Four tractor-trailers were involved in two related Friday morning crashes that closed the west lanes of Interstate 70 in Bentleyville for about four hours.

The first accident occurred shortly before 10 a.m. near the Bentleyville exit as Renee Brace, of Limestone, Tenn., operating a tractor-trailer, failed to yield to oncoming traffic at a stop sign.

State police at the Belle Vernon Barracks said it caused a tractor-trailer driven by Larken Huey, of Roanoke, Ala., to switch lanes and crash into a Kenworth tri-axle truck operated by Jason Kinsey, of Johnstown.

The crash sent Kinsey's truck into a concrete

barrier. The driver's side of Brace's rig struck the side of Huey's trailer, state police said.

Within moments, Gary Yoders, of Washington, who was hauling a tank wagon with diesel fuel, attempted to stop as he approached the first crash site.

State police said he was unable to stop and hit the rear of a sport utility vehicle operated by Hezekiah Phillips, of Central City. Phillips was stopped in the left lane of I-70 because of the prior crash.

After that crash, Yoders' truck struck the back of Huey's rig and then the driver's side of Brace's trailer. Yoder's tank subsequently ruptured and spilled diesel fuel onto the

highway.

Yoders' said he suffered a minor injury.

The Washington County Hazardous Materials Team and the state Department of Environmental Protection came to the scene to help clean up the highway.

Bentleyville and Fallowfield Township firefighters assisted at the scene. State police said the westbound lanes were closed for about four hours.

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RECORDS

DEATH NOTICES

BRANDEMARTE — Dina Brandemarte, of Stanton, Calif., formerly of Monongahela, on Tuesday, Feb. 5.*

BUBAR — Samuel C. Bubar, 58, of North Charleroi, on Friday, Feb. 8. Schrock-Hogan Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc., Charleroi.*

HOLT — Lillian T. Holt, 79, of Okeechobee, Fla., on Friday, Feb. 8. Buxton Funeral Home and Crematory, Okeechobee, Fla.*

JONES — Richard A. Jones, of Donora, formerly of Pittsburgh, on Thursday, Feb. 7. House of Jackson Memorial Chapel, Donora.*

RAPP — Helen A. Rapp, 93, of California, Pa., on Thursday, Feb. 7. Mariscotti Funeral Home, California.*

TIMKO — Robert A. Timko, 65, of Fallowfield Township, on Thursday, Feb. 7. Carl J. Spallino Funeral Home, Charleroi.*

PREVIOUS DEATHS:
CIEPLY, Joseph*
JACOBS, Edna*
KOWALL, Violet*
SHOLTIS, Mary*
WILLIAMS, E. Genevieve*

Dina Brandemarte
Stanton, Calif.
Formerly of
Monongahela

Dina DiGiovanni Brandemarte, 90, originally from Monongahela, passed away Tuesday, February 5, 2008, at her home in Stanton, Calif. She was the daughter of the late Martin and Faustina DiGiovanni. Dina is survived by her husband, Ralph Brandemarte, originally from Donora; a daughter, Eugenia Brandemarte, of Monongahela; a brother, Frank DiGiovanni, of Ontario, Calif.; four grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Her family loves and misses her dearly.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Samuel C. Bubar
North Charleroi

Samuel Charles Bubar, 58, of North Charleroi, died Friday, February 8, 2008, at his home. He was born February 21, 1949, in New Kensington, a son of the late Thomas F. and Ethel Rixey Bubar. Sam was a member of the Russian Club in Charleroi. He retired from Corning World Kitchen with over 30 years of service. Mr. Bubar was well loved by his family and friends. Sam is survived by one brother, Thomas W. Bubar, of Charleroi; three sisters, Ruth Bubar Basey, of Daisytown, Dorothy Bubar Blaner, of Monongahela, and Patricia Bubar Boston, of Scottsdale, Ariz.; seven nieces and nephews; and aunts and uncles. He will be missed by his girlfriend of 12 years, Rose Marie Marchiny, and her two children, Jonteal and Shzon Marchiny; and also by Ryan Huffman. He loved them as his own children since he had none of his own. Mr. Bubar lived with his best friend, Jamie McGavitt, for four years, and his fiancée, Amber Hermann, along with his godchildren, Michelina, Zoe, Chris and David. He loved them as if they were his grandchildren. Sam was the most loving person anyone could ever meet. He would give you a place to stay or the shirt off his back if you needed it. He gave great advice. You could probably find him walking through Charleroi with Jamie McGavitt. He

loved his Steelers and liked to watch his football with Jamie and Shaun McGavitt. Sam was also friends with Shaun McGavitt. He will be deeply missed by all who dearly loved him. Friends will be received Sunday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the SCHROCK-HOGAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES INC., (www.schrock-hogan.com), 226 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi. Funeral services will be held Monday, February 11, at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Interment will be in Olive Branch Cemetery, Rostraver Township.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Joseph "Feecho" Cieply
Monessen

Joseph "Feecho" Cieply entered into eternal rest with his loving family at his side on Wednesday, February 6, 2008. Born in Monessen on August 31, 1926, he was the son of the late Teofil and Anna Cieply. He was a member of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Orthodox Church and the church choir. Mr. Cieply retired from Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Co. as supervisor of security and safety for the Monessen and Allenport plants. He served his country as a member of the U.S. Army's 100th Infantry Division during World War II. Mr. Cieply served his community as an alderman for six years and as a Monessen City Council member for 14 years. He was a true public servant and was most proud of his work in helping to realize the Veterans War Memorial and the soccer field for the City of Monessen. Mr. Cieply was a graduate of Monessen High School class of 1945 and a member of the first graduating class of Westmoreland County Community College. He was a member of VFW Post 1190 and American Legion Post 28, both in Monessen. Mr. Cieply was a member of the Ukrainian Fraternal Association, Ukrainian National Association and the Ukrainian Literary and Beneficial Association. He was a former PIAA basketball referee and an avid gardener. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, George Cieply. He is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years, Olga Homas Cieply. He was the loving father of Joanne (John) Greenwald, of Forward Township, Nancy Shepler, of Monessen, Lev (Janet) Cieply, of Jefferson Hills, and Orest Cieply, of Monessen; dear grandfather of Justin (Stacey) and Jordan Greenwald, Lindsay and Megan Shepler, Chris and Audra Cieply, and A.J., Nathan and Matthew Cieply; and brother of Anna (John) Andryc, of Rossford, Ohio, Mary Malezija, John (Dolly) Cieply, and Walter (Loretta) Cieply, all of Monessen. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Friends will be received Saturday, February 9, from 7 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 10, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the ROBERT A. BILLICK FUNERAL HOME INC., Grand Boulevard and Marion Avenue, Monessen (724-684-3700). A prayer service will be held on Monday, February 11, at 9:30 a.m. in the funeral home, followed by a 10 a.m. funeral

services in St. Nicholas Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Monessen, with the Right Rev. Roman Yatskiy officiating. Interment will follow in Grandview Cemetery, Monessen. Parastas services will be held Sunday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home. On Sunday in the funeral home, members of VFW Post 1190 and American Legion Post 28 will conduct joint services at 7:15 p.m., and the Monessen Knights of Columbus will hold services at 8 p.m. Memorial contributions in Mr. Cieply's name can be made to: Monessen Public Library and District Center, 326 Donner Ave., Monessen, Pa. 15062.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Lillian T. Holt
Okeechobee, Fla.

Lillian T. Holt, 79, of Okeechobee, Fla., died Friday, February 8, 2008, in the Hamrick Home of Okeechobee. Born January 22, 1929, in Monongahela, she had been a resident of Okeechobee for the past 25 years and was a member of the Oakview Baptist Church of Okeechobee. She enjoyed fishing, sewing and painting, and she was a "jack of all trades." She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Holt. She is survived by her son, Richard (Carla) Holt, of Greensburg; brother, Clarence Tuscano (Shirley), of Jacksonville, Fla.; sister, Nancy (Evan) Lewis, of Fairfax, Va.; one grandson, Nicholas Manzini (Diane), of Honolulu, Haw.; and granddaughter, Alana Manzini, of Brooklyn, N.Y. There are no service plans at this time. All arrangements are under the direction and care of BUXTON FUNERAL HOME and CREMATORY, 110 NE 5th St., Okeechobee, Fla. 34972; (863-763-1994).

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Edna Jacobs
Dunlevy

Edna Jacobs, 91, of Dunlevy, died Friday, February 8, 2008. A complete obituary and funeral arrangements will be announced Monday. The FERGUSON FUNERAL HOME and CREMATORY INC., (724-929-5300), Belle Vernon, is handling arrangements.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Richard A. Jones
Donora
Formerly of
Pittsburgh

Richard Alan Jones, 63, of Donora, formerly of Pittsburgh, was received by the Angels on Thursday, February 7, 2008. He was a member of the New Testament Holiness Church of Donora; Elder Lois Larkin, pastor. He is survived by two children, Richard A. Jones Jr. and Jennice Jones, both of Donora; one grandson, Aubree Alan Jones, of Pittsburgh; three brothers, Louis E. Steck Sr. and David Jones, of Pittsburgh, and Paul Jones, of Donora; and two sisters, Gwendolyn Flowers and Stephanie Warren, of Pittsburgh. Friends will be received Sunday, February 10, from

6 to 9 p.m. at the House of Jackson Memorial Chapel, Donora, and Monday, February 11, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Fountain of Life Church of Pittsburgh, Hazelwood, where home going services will be held Tuesday, February 12, at 11 a.m., with Senior Pastor Calvern L. Woods. Pastor Lois Larkin will give the home going message. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Sharpsburg. Services have been gently placed in the hands of HOUSE OF JACKSON MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 1324 Meldon Ave., Donora (724-379-5420); Karl Jackson, funeral director.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Violet Kowall
Marietta, Ga.
Formerly of Donora

Violet Kowall, 93, of Marietta, Ga., formerly of Donora, passed away Thursday, February 7, 2008, in Kennestone Hospital, Marietta. Mrs. Kowall was born in Donora on September 10, 1914, the daughter of the late Sam and Anna Dzik Jablecki. She was a member of Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Donora, where she helped as an office worker. Mrs. Kowall worked as an office worker at her two previous parishes, Holy Name of Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Dominic, which became Our Lady of the Valley after the reorganization. She was a member of the Democratic Women's Club, the Christian Mothers and Ladies Guild of Our Lady of the Valley Parish, and she was a 1933 graduate of Donora High School. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Kowall; two daughters, Camille Gaskill and Barbara Sevitts; a brother, Edward Jablecki; a sister, Mildred Kulas; and a grandson, David Amoroso. Survivors include her children, Patricia Amoroso and husband, Frank, of Virginia, Louise Kowall, of Pittsburgh, William Kowall and wife, Frances, of the state of California, Sam Kowall and wife, Gloria, of South Carolina, and Jack Kowall and wife, Susan, of Georgia; 14 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Friends will be received Sunday, February 10, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. and Monday, February 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. ONLY in the ANTHONY L. MASSAFRA FUNERAL HOME, 40 Second St. Ext., Donora (724-379-6900), where prayers will be recited Tuesday, February 12, at 10 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in Our Lady of the Valley Parish, St. Dominic Church, Donora, at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Michael Yaksick as celebrant. Interment will follow in Monongahela Cemetery.

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Helen A. Rapp
California, Pa.

Helen Amelia Roderick Rapp, 93, of California, Pa., died Thursday, February 7, 2008. She was born Monday, September 28, 1914, in Dunbar Township, Fayette County, a daughter of the late Charles G. Roderick and Amelia Williams Roderick. She attended the old Republican Grade School from 1921 to 1928 and graduated from East Pike Run Township High School in 1932. Following her graduation in 1936 from

Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, she worked in Youngstown, Ohio, until after her January 1, 1939, marriage to Wilbur A. Rapp, a high school teacher and athletic coach. She was a member of the California United Methodist Church, the California Historical Society, and the Girl Scouts, where she was instrumental in the development of the program and served in some capacity for more than 25 years. Mrs. Rapp was always active with various projects throughout the California community. Her ancestry can be dated back to the founding of California. Mrs. Rapp may be remembered as owner and operator of the California News Stand, which she sold to Redstone Pharmacy when she retired on January 1, 1983. The news stand was originally established by her father, Mr. Roderick, in 1920, who continued it until his retirement on July 1, 1947, when it was taken over by Mr. and Mrs. Rapp. They operated the news stand until Mr. Rapp's death, after which Mrs. Rapp continued it alone. At the time of her retirement, it was the oldest business in California that had been operated by the same family. In addition to her parents, Helen was preceded in death by her husband on February 11, 1974; two sisters, Marguerite Swisher and Ethel Jones; and two brothers, Charles Williams Roderick and Norman Howard Roderick. Left to cherish her memory are her three children; son, Charles A. Rapp and wife Susan, of California; Joyce Bleby, of Bridgewater, South Australia (SA), and Marianne Whitehead, of California; one sister-in-law, Agnes Roderick, of Novato, Calif. Further blessings were added with the arrival of nine grandchildren: Debra Rapp Moore and husband, Thomas E. Jr., Darlene Rapp Sargent, of Hollywood, Md., Dale Rapp, of Coal City, Ill., Hannah Bleby Orford and husband, Anthony, of Canberra, ACT Australia, Sarah Bleby, of Bridgewater, SA, Matthew Bleby and wife, Lauren, of Mt. Torrens, SA, Denise Whitehead Roadman and husband, George, of Shrewsbury, Mass., Kristine Whitehead Doppelheuer and husband, Michael, of California, Pa., and Ryan Whitehead, of Erie; and seven great-grandchildren, Ian and Seth Moore, Kyle Sargent, Samuel Orford, Tyson Bleby, Grady Roadman and Kole Doppelheuer. Friends will be received in the MARISCOTTI FUNERAL HOME INC., Anthony N. Mariscotti, Supervisor, 323 Fourth St., California, Pa., on Saturday, February 9, from 7 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, February 10, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Funeral services will be held in the California United Methodist Church on Monday, February 11, at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Thomas Chacko officiating. Interment will follow in Highland Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Robert A. Timko
Fallowfield Township

Robert A. Timko, 65, of Fallowfield Township, died Thursday, February 7, 2008, in UPMC Montefiore, Pittsburgh. He was born April 8, 1942, in Monongahela, a son of Evelyn Howard Timko, who survives and resides in North Charleroi and formerly of Monongahela, and the late Joseph Timko. He was a member of Mary, Mother of the Church Parish of Charleroi. Bob was a self-employed sales representative. Surviving, in addition to his mother, is his wife, Mary Lynne Reynolds Timko; three sons and daughters-in-law, Robert P. and Kerry Timko, of Rostraver Township, Michael F. and Mandi Timko, of Bridgeville, and David M. and Tricia Timko, of West Mifflin; two daughters and sons-in-law, Patrice and Scott Rice, of Monongahela, and Stephany Lynne and Bob McKinley, of Fallowfield Township; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Joseph Jr. and Bonnie Timko, of Glendale, Ariz., John and Sandy Timko, of Rostraver Township, Steve and Laurie Timko, of Fallowfield Township, and Paul Timko, of Elizabeth; one sister and brother-in-law, Darleen and Kris Tanner, of Fallowfield Township; 13 grandchildren, Chelsea and Philip Meli, Bobby, Reid, Dylan, Mason, Gracie, Dominic, Mia and Samantha Timko, and Chad, Derek and Courtney Rice; and numerous nieces and nephews. Friends will be received in the CARL J. SPALLINO FUNERAL HOME, 819 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi, on Sunday, February 10, from 6 to 9 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday, February 11, at 10:30 a.m. in Mary, Mother of the Church, followed by interment in Monongahela Cemetery.

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Mary Sholtis
Belle Vernon
(Lynnwood)

Mary Sholtis, 90, of Belle Vernon (Lynnwood), died Thursday, February 7, 2008, in UPMC Mercy, Jeannette. A daughter of the late John and Susan Shafer Buchton, she was born in Fairhope on December 3, 1917. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Evangelical Church of Charleroi, the

Junior Ladies Aide, the Monessen Senior Center, the Belle Vernon Golden Agers and the former Sokol Lodge of Monessen. Formerly of Monessen, Mary had resided in Lynnwood since 1955 and had been employed as a cook at the former Trocadero Motor Lodge, Rax Restaurant and Burger Chef, all in Belle Vernon. Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Patricia Sholtis, of Belle Vernon; three daughters and sons-in-law, Carol and Al Gervin, of Richmond, Va., Marilyn and Glenn Guseman, of Jefferson Township, and Susan and Charles Buza, of Belle Vernon; one brother and sister-in-law, John Jr. and Pauline Buchton, of Fairhope; eight grandchildren, Ronald Sholtis Jr. and wife, Laura, Debra George and husband, Richard, Tara Gervin, Christian Gervin, Yvonne Clark and husband, Jerry, Glenda Guseman, Joseph Buza and wife, Rachael, and Christopher Buza; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister, Susan Strychalski. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday in the FERGUSON FUNERAL HOME and CREMATORY INC., (724-929-5300), 700 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon, www.FergusonFuneralHomeAndCrematory.com. Funeral services will be in the funeral home Monday at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Wayne Boring, pastor of the Fayette City Christian Church, officiating. Interment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery.

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An additional death notice appears on Page 5A.

Stanley Petrosky

Thank you to all the many friends and relatives who were there in our time of need, providing prayers, words of kindness, flowers, and food. An extra thanks to Julius, Stanley's brother, for always being there to help.

Thank you to Ferguson's Funeral Home for the wonderful job they did to help lessen our sorrow during this time. Thank you to Redstone Dialysis, Dr's Lutes and Nayer, and Dr. Sloan for all the care they have provided over the last few years.

Thank you to American Legion NBV Post 659, Fayette City for the 21 gun salute. Thank you to Rev. Larry Wade for coming the distance he came to do the service.

A very special thanks to our son, John, for all his help and being there through it all the last five years and at the end. We love you.

Thank you all

The Family of Stanley Petrosky, wife Donna and children

In Memory Of...William John Bielawski

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REQUIEM FOR WILLIAM...MY DAD (by: Jeff)

My guide is gone, and I can't even find the ground again. Circles and swirls in all directions coming in and out. He wrote the book on life, and read it all to me. I could not have had it better? I cannot now move an inch. When I took the call at 4:00, I knew in two words his whole message. The rest was running backwards - sideways, I made him say it, he did. I've lived 15,000 lifetimes in ten hours, waiting will persist, and then subside. We loved what each was, and did. My greatest fortune was his friendship. Bridge shaper of minds, timeless, greatest of all artists; how we in awe perceive, your essence ever living, in the fabric of our world. He lived in joy; his beauty skewed the world to greatest goodness. His duty was his life, it was us.

Deeply missed - forever loved, Wife Ruth, Sons Billy and Jeff

In Loving Memory Of

John Sabo

Who passed away

February 10, 2007.

Softly I turn back the pages to wander down memory lane, with laughter and tears I bring back the years and gently speak your name. I still remember the way you looked and the way you spoke and smiled, and the things you said and did are with me all the while.

Sadly missed by Phyllis

TODAY IN HISTORY



Today is Saturday, Feb. 9, the 40th day of 2008. There are 326 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight
On Feb. 9, 1943, the World War II battle of Guadalcanal in the southwest Pacific ended with an Allied victory over Japanese forces.

- On this date:**
- In 1773, the ninth president of the United States, William Henry Harrison, was born in Charles City County, Va.
 - In 1825, the House of Representatives elected John Quincy Adams president after no candidate received a majority of electoral votes.
 - In 1861, Jefferson Davis was elected the provisional president of the Confederate States of America.
 - In 1870, the U.S. Weather Bureau was established.
 - In 1942, daylight-saving "War Time" went into effect in the United States, with clocks turned one hour forward.
 - In 1950, in a speech in Wheeling, W.Va., Sen. Joseph McCarthy, R-Wis., charged the State Department was riddled with Communists.
 - In 1964, The Beatles made their first live American television appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show" on CBS.
 - In 1971, the crew of Apollo 14 returned to Earth after man's third landing on the moon.
 - In 1984, Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov died at age 69, less than 15 months after succeeding Leonid Brezhnev; he was succeeded by Konstantin U. Chernenko.
 - In 2001, a U.S. Navy submarine collided with a Japanese fishing boat off the Hawaiian coast, killing nine men and boys aboard the boat.

■ **Ten years ago:** The Pentagon said it was sending up to 3,000 U.S. ground troops to the Persian Gulf region to discourage what one official called "any creative thinking" by Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein. At the Nagano Games, German Georg Hackl won the men's luge for the third consecutive Olympics.

■ **Five years ago:** President Bush told congressional Republicans at a policy conference that Iraq had fooled the world for more than a decade about its banned weapons and the United Nations was now facing "a moment of truth" in disarming Saddam Hussein. The leaders of Germany and Russia renewed their calls for a peaceful resolution in Iraq, restating their opposition to any U.S.-led war to disarm and oust Saddam Hussein. The U.S. Navy ended its last bombing exercises on Puerto Rico's Vieques Island.

■ **One year ago:** Defense Secretary Robert Gates told reporters in Munich, Germany, that serial numbers and other markings on bombs suggested that Iraqis were linked to deadly explosives used by Iraqi militants. British actor Ian Richardson, who portrayed immoral politician Francis Urquhart in the satirical TV drama "House of Cards," died in London at age 72.



Associated Press

Smoke billows from a section of the Imperial Sugar Company plant after an explosion ripped apart the plant on the Savannah River Friday in Port Wentworth, Ga.

Dust blamed for deadly sugar refinery explosion

Four bodies pulled from wreckage of Georgia blast.

By RUSS BYNUM
Associated Press Writer

PORT WENTWORTH, Ga. (AP) — Volatile dust was blamed Friday in an explosion that leveled a sugar refinery, and crews pulled four bodies from tunnels beneath the mangled mass of metal and beams left by the blast.

At least four people known to be inside during the explosion were missing, Savannah police Sgt. Mike Wilson said. No attempts would be made to find more bodies until today, when heavy equipment will be brought in to remove debris.

Search efforts were slowed by the instability of what was left of the refinery, gutted by flames and wracked by the impact of the blast itself.

Anxious families of the night-shift workers at the Imperial Sugar plant

gathered at the parish hall of a Catholic church across the street and wept as officials relayed grim news from the plant.

Investigators were unable to determine what sparked the overnight explosion as firefighters battled flames inside the vast refinery — a network of warehouses, silos and buildings eight stories tall connected by corridors of sheet metal.

Imperial President and CEO John Sheptor said sugar dust in a silo where refined sugar was stored before being packaged likely ignited like gunpowder. Sugar dust can become combustible if it's too dry and builds up a static electric charge.

The result was as devastating as a bomb. Floors inside the plant collapsed, flames spread throughout the refinery, metal girders buckled into twisted heaps and shredded sheet metal littered the wreckage.

"There was fire all over the building," said

Nakishya Hill, a machine operator who escaped from the third floor of the refinery uninjured but for blisters on her elbow.

"All I know is, I heard a loud boom and everything came down," Hill said. "All I could do when I got down was take off running."

More than 30 employees were rushed to hospitals as ambulances lined up a dozen at a time outside the refinery's sole entrance road.

Several were airlifted to a burn center in Augusta, 130 miles up the Savannah River. Many were in critical condition, including some who were placed on ventilators, said Dr. William Wessinger, the medical director at Memorial University Medical Center in Savannah.

Beth Frits, a spokeswoman for the Joseph M. Still Burn Center at Doctors Hospital, in Augusta, said 16 fire victims transferred from Memorial were in critical condition and three were in serious condition.

Classroom shooting deadly

Woman kills two classmates in their seats before taking her own life.

By DOUG SIMPSON
Associated Press Writer

BATON ROUGE, La. — A 23-year-old woman killed two fellow students with a .357 revolver in a classroom at a vocational college Friday, then committed suicide, police said.

The women apparently were shot in their seats in the second-floor classroom at Louisiana Technical College, Baton Rouge Sgt. Don Kelly said. About 20 people were in the emergency medical technology class at the time, he said.

"Why those two women were targeted ... is still an unanswered question," Kelly said.

The victims were identified as Karsheika Graves, 21, and Taneshia Butler, 26, both of Baton Rouge. The shooter was Latina Williams, whose address was unknown, Kelly said.

Williams entered the room briefly, spoke with the instructor and left, he said. She returned through another door and fired six rounds, Kelly said, reloaded and shot herself in the head.

Officers ran into the building within four

minutes of the first 911 call, which came at 8:36 a.m., Kelly said.

"There was mass pandemonium, people running," he said. "One officer — the first into the classroom — told me he could still smell gunpowder."

The school — one of two LTC campuses in Baton Rouge and dozens around the state — offers classes in a dozen subjects including early childhood education, practical nursing, drafting and welding.

School administrators and campus police did not immediately return calls or e-mails.

Louis Davis, who said he was taking an automobile technology class Friday morning, said a teacher told the students to stay in class because there had been an

incident, without adding details. Students had to stay in their classrooms for about two hours and were briefly questioned by police before being released for the day, he said.

Classes were canceled through Tuesday, and tentatively scheduled to resume Wednesday, said Jim Henderson, vice president of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System.

"This is a tragic day for Baton Rouge, when you come to a learning institution ... and become the victim of a violent crime," Mayor Kip Holden said at the scene.

In Greenville, S.C., a student was shot in the leg at Greenville Technical College, but told police it was a self-inflicted accident, a campus official said.

THE WORLD BRIEFLY

Clinton, Obama woo female supporters

SEATTLE (AP) — Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama appealed for the hearts and votes of female voters in Washington state Friday, part of the state-by-state struggle that could determine who becomes the Democratic nominee for president.

Both candidates have spent months calling and wooing top elected women, seeking their endorsements and, in the process, forcing them into difficult choices.

Just as black politicians who endorse Clinton risk being on the wrong side of history if Obama prevails, so do female officials take a gamble in backing Obama, knowing that Clinton could become the nation's first woman to win the White House.

No state better illustrates the competition than Washington, whose Democratic caucus is today. The governor and both U.S. senators are Democratic women.

Van Der Sloot questioned again

ORANJESTAD, Aruba (AP) — Aruban investigators again questioned a Dutch college student in the Netherlands Friday in the Natalee Holloway disappearance as they sought a court order to detain him as a suspect based on a hidden-camera interview.

Police questioned Joran Van der Sloot for about two hours, and he again denied

any role in the May 2005 disappearance of the American teen in the Dutch Caribbean island, the Aruban prosecutor's office said in a statement.

Van der Sloot claimed he was under the influence of marijuana when he said in a secretly taped video that he was with Holloway when she died and that he had a friend dump her body at sea, the prosecutor's office said.

Grief worsens in Tennessee

LAFAYETTE, Tenn. (AP) — The Rev. Michael L. Welch was doing what he could to help people recover emotionally after a twister killed 14 people in rural Macon County, Tenn., setting up his church as a family crisis center.

Now, Welch and his family are among those being mourned. The family of four died Thursday when a tractor-trailer struck their van.

Three days after a series of tornadoes rumbled through the South, the grief only seems to get worse for Lafayette and many other hard-hit communities.

"We're all just numb in disbelief," said Ruth Stafford, a part-time secretary at the United Methodist Church that Welch had served since 2004. "We want to wake up from this nightmare."

The nightmare's far from over. By Friday, the death toll from the tornadoes climbed to 59, and many others remained hospitalized or homeless.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

No winners in 'Cash 5' game

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Today's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" jackpot will be worth at least \$225,000 because no player matched the five winning numbers drawn in Friday's game.

Lottery officials said 105 players matched four numbers and won \$196 each; 3,772 players matched

three numbers and won \$9 each; and 44,175 players matched two numbers and won \$1 each.

Tuesday's "Pennsylvania Match 6 Lotto" jackpot will be worth at least \$850,000 because no player holds a ticket with one row that matches all six winning numbers drawn Friday.

DEATH NOTICES

E. Genevieve Williams Monessen

E. Genevieve Williams, 88, of Monessen, died Friday, February 8, 2008, in UPMC Mercy, Pittsburgh. Friends will be received on Sunday, February 10, from 7 to 9 p.m., and Monday, February 11, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the DALFONSO-BILLICK FUNERAL HOME INC. and CREMATION SERVICES, 441 Reed Ave., Monessen (724-684-8750);

www.dalfonso-billick.com. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, February 12, at 11 a.m. in St. Paul's Episcopal Church with the Rev. John Fierro, rector, officiating. EVERYONE IS ASKED TO MEET AT THE CHURCH. Interment will follow in Monongahela Cemetery. A complete obituary will appear in Monday's edition.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

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Cheers 'n Jeers

Here is a critical look at some of the events that helped shape life in the Mid-Mon Valley area during the past week:

 To the crews who are keeping the Finley Road project on schedule despite some harsh weather in January and February. Workers have been battling cold temperatures and frequent precipitation to widen the road, but Rostraver Township Commissioner Nick Lorenzo said the week the project is proceeding as planned.

 For the news of a large reservoir of natural gas found under Pennsylvania and three other states. The untapped reserve could contain as much as 50 trillion cubic feet of recoverable natural gas and would make a significant impact on U.S. energy needs.

 To the Monessen High School girls' basketball team for wrapping up an undefeated regular season. We wish the Lady Greyhounds well in the playoffs, along with all the other area teams that qualified.

YOUR OPINION

COLA bill needed

To the Editor:

Hubert H. Humphrey said, "The moral test of government is how it treats those who are in the dawn of life, the children; those who are in the twilight of life, the aged; and those in the shadows of life, the sick, the needy, and the handicapped."

By that measure, Pennsylvania is failing the moral test. The clock is ticking on a serious issue facing 24,000 Pennsylvanians with mental retardation. It's an issue that, sadly, the press and politicians have overlooked.

Time and money are running out for people who depend on the commonwealth's mental health and mental retardation system. For decades, our state government failed to adequately fund the system, which relies almost exclusively on public sector resources. A small funding uptick last year was not enough to deter the system's current fiscal crisis.

What's needed are annual state-funded cost-of-living adjustments to offset inflation, but these have been rare. This year's proposed state budget is par for the course, with no COLA for community-based mental retardation services.

Quality of care for citizens — our neighbors — with mental disabilities is already suffering as a result of underfunding. It will worsen greatly unless a COLA bill is passed. Ask any parent or guardian car-

ing for a mentally retarded person.

It appears just one politician cares about this matter: Republican State Representative George Kenney. He recently introduced legislation that would require a COLA be proposed in the state budget every year. All state representatives have been asked to cosponsor.

So far only about 50 state representatives have signed on, around one-quarter of the legislature. A similar bill passed in late 2006, only to be vetoed by Governor Rendell. Now Rep. Kenney is trying again. But without more representatives signing on, the legislative leaders will likely be unwilling to push a bill unpopular with the Governor.

I am asking all of your readers to please take a stand for their neighbors who live with disabilities, and urge their representatives to make people with intellectual disabilities a budget priority in 2008, and to pass COLA legislation this session.

They can also call the Governor's Office at (717) 787-2500, and urge Gov. Rendell to support COLA legislation. Readers can also visit our Web site for more information on the challenges people with mental disabilities increasingly face in Pennsylvania. It's at www.marcpa.org.

Paul Stengle
 Executive Director of
 the Arc of Montgomery
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Valley OPINION

Secrecy at the Gaming Control Board

Things are just fine at the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board — perfect, in fact, according to Executive Director Anne Neeb.

"The system is working perfectly," Neeb said recently.

Never mind that the board has relied heavily on closed-door sessions since its inception. The board didn't see fit to let the public know that its investigators' only area of concern with Don Barden, whose company eventually won a Pittsburgh slots license in 2006, was his \$11.1 million in casino gambling losses over the previous five years. The Trib reported that last October. The board's lack of disclosure later came under criticism by Republican House members.

The board also gave a casino license to Louis DeNaples, of Dunmore, Lackawanna County, in December, 2006, for a facility in the Poconos, despite investigators' suspicions that he wasn't telling the truth about past contact with organized crime figures. DeNaples was indicted

Brad **BUMSTED**



for perjury by a Dauphin County grand jury on Jan. 30. Two gaming agents "believed DeNaples was lying about his background" but couldn't prove it in 2006, District Attorney Ed Marsico said. DeNaples maintains his innocence and denies the allegations.

DeNaples testified to gaming officials behind closed doors.

The point of this column is not about these applicants. It's the board's penchant for secrecy.

Sen. Jeffrey Piccola, R-Dauphin County, last week introduced legislation to open "all portions of the application process relating to the character and integrity of applicants, principals and key employees to public scrutiny."

Piccola would also transfer investigative powers of the board to the attorney

general.

House Republicans have been pushing a similar transfer but they are in the minority party.

Piccola is in the majority party, which controls the Senate calendar.

The current fiasco points to the weakness of the 2004 gaming law and the state's open meetings law.

The board insists it adhered to Pennsylvania's Sunshine law.

The grand jury said the agency under current law "properly allowed the DeNaples testimony to occur in executive session."

However, the grand jury's report also stated, "There was no valid reason why the law should permit closed door testimony of an applicant regarding his or her character and his or her suitability as an applicant, including any sworn testimony and documents on this subject given to the (gaming board's) Bureau of Investigations and Enforcement."

Because DeNaples' testimony was conducted in "secret" — those who knew it was false and potentially could have contradicted it weren't alerted, the grand

jury alleged.

Piccola said his legislation tracks the grand jury's recommendations.

The gaming law should have demanded far more of the board in terms of disclosure. Moreover, a Capitol insider with knowledge of the board's process and the slots law said more of the board's activities could have been conducted openly if the board chose to do so.

The conundrum about DeNaples' license boiled down to this: the state police had information they said they couldn't release to the gaming board for fear of compromising an ongoing investigation. Because it is not a law enforcement agency, intelligence from state police or FBI can't be shared with the gambling board.

Piccola's legislation and similar bills pending in the House get to the root of, let's say, imperfections at the gaming board.

The problem is that most of the licenses have already been issued.

Brad Bumsted is the Tribune-Review's state Capitol reporter.



Flak and the fighter pilot

Now the spotlight swings to John McCain, who emerged from

Super Tuesday with a commanding lead for the Republican nomination. Even though Democrats will enter the fall campaign as heavy favorites, McCain is fully capable of mounting a serious challenge. But to do so, he has to answer two large questions.

The first is political. Can he appease his conservative critics while continuing his appeal to moderates and independents? Can he run on promises of bipartisan cooperation without alienating ideologues that view such talk as heresy? The second is personal. Can he satisfy voters that his age, health and temper do not disqualify him from the Oval Office? Can a 70-something cancer survivor, with a long history of flaying his rivals with bitter invective, survive the intense media scrutiny he is about to endure?

All the excitement and energy this year is on the Democratic side. Before the California primary, 150,000 voters registered as Democrats and only 40,000 joined the Republicans. Without campaigning in a meaningless Florida primary, Hillary Clinton drew 160,000 more votes than McCain.

History, however, waves a caution flag. The only successful Democrats since 1968, Jimmy Carter and

Cokie and Steve **ROBERTS**



Bill Clinton, were moderate Southern governors. This year the party will nominate a liberal senator from either New York or Illinois. Before then, Clinton and Barack Obama face weeks, even months, of debilitating civil (or uncivil) warfare. McCain can start healing wounds while his rivals are still picking scabs.

But to take advantage of this opening, McCain must overcome some huge obstacles. The GOP has been so successful because it has united three diverse strands of conservatism: evangelical Christians in the South, libertarians in the West and fiscal/business types in the Middle West and Northeast. Ronald Reagan and the two Bushes held that coalition together through five winning campaigns, but it is now starting to fray badly.

McCain has a strongly conservative voting record, particularly on Iraq, but he's poked a finger in the eye of each group. A lot of Westerners don't like his pro-immigration policy, a problem that showed up in California; the fiscal war-

riors resent his rejection of the Bush tax cuts. Above all, the evangelicals don't think he shares their passionate devotion to social issues, and they're right. That's why he called leaders of the Religious Right "agents of intolerance" during the 2000 election.

Given all these conflicts, only one in three conservatives voted for McCain on Tuesday; among "very" conservative voters, he won only one in five.

Going forward, McCain faces a classic "peas on the knife" problem. He appeals to moderates and independents by saying, as he did in Connecticut, "I will reach across the aisle to the Democrats and work together for the good of the country."

But conservative purists hate that kind of talk. Radio personality James Dobson, an influential evangelical, says he'll never vote for McCain. Rush Limbaugh fumes that McCain has "stabbed his own party in the back I can't tell you how many times."

If McCain tries to propitiate folks like Dobson and Limbaugh, and puts a conservative pea or two on the knife, he risks knocking off some moderate/independent peas — and spoiling his reputation for "straight talk."

Sure, few conservatives will vote for Clinton or Obama, but passion mat-

ters in politics. How many evangelicals will board church buses to vote for McCain on Election Day? His best tactic: Scare them stiff with nightmare visions of a Democratic Supreme Court.

There are personal minefields out there as well. McCain would be 72 next January, by far the oldest president in our history. He's looked energetic lately, but last summer he seemed lethargic and really showed his age. He has had repeated cases of melanoma, a serious form of skin cancer, and his war injuries prevent him from lifting his arms above his head. Yes, he relishes the chance to talk about his combat experiences, but Vietnam ended 34 years ago, and old war stories can reinforce the age issue.

Then there's his temper. Sen. Thad Cochran, a mild-mannered Southerner, described his colleague as "erratic" and "hotheaded" to the Boston Globe and added, "the thought of his being president sends a cold chill down my spine." Those words will get repeated endlessly by the Democrats come fall.

Give McCain credit. He pulled off a stunning comeback, and has a real shot at winning the White House. But the old fighter pilot will have to fly through a lot of flak — from friends as well as foes — before reaching that landing field.

Award-winning crab cakes

This succulent seafood will please the critics at your Oscars party.

By **HOWIE RUMBERG**
Associated Press Writer

It's almost here: Academy Awards night, the only time I can require black tie attire for TV viewing in my home.

But if you're going to impose on your friends something so ridiculous, you better be prepared to follow through with a glamorous affair worthy the swanky garb.

Sure, an Oscar betting pool and some movie-themed decorations — roll out the red carpet? — are fun. But the real way to jazz up the evening is with the food.

Don't worry. I'm not talking dinner party. This night is for finger foods and buffets. The evening, after all, is about making fun of what the actresses are wearing and complaining about the injustices done by the voters.

Because pigs in a blanket is about my skill level, I turned to an L.A. chef — who else would know what the stars eat? — for some help dazzling my friends.

Yianni Koufodontis, executive chef of the hot new Beverly Hills restaurant Paperfish, will be cooking for the revelers at the L.A. Confidential party on Oscar night. For us home cooks he recommended a take on the crowd-pleasing crabcake: jumbo lump blue crabcakes with lemon aioli and tomato relish.

This recipe makes appetizer-sized portions, and can be prepared in advance so you can watch the show, too.

As promised, this was a pretty easy dish to execute. And these crabcakes don't need the



Associated Press

A tangy lemon aioli and spicy tomato relish will help these crabcakes stand out at any party.

traditional squeeze of lemon juice, as they are paired with a lemony aioli (a French-style garlic mayonnaise).

For an easier aioli, blend a cup of prepared mayonnaise with two cloves of garlic and the juice from one lemon.

To prepare these, form the crabcakes a day in advance, then cover and refrigerate until ready to cook the evening of your party.

Jumbo Lump Blue Crabcakes with Lemon Aioli and Tomato Relish
Start to finish: 1 hour
Servings: 8 appetizers

For the tomato relish:
3 medium tomatoes

1 tablespoon chopped shallot
1 tablespoon chopped garlic
1 tablespoon chopped basil
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
Sugar, to taste
For the crabcakes:
5 tablespoons butter
1 teaspoon chopped garlic
5 tablespoons chopped shallots
5 tablespoons chopped celery
1/3 cup mayonnaise
1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1/8 teaspoon Old Bay seasoning
1 tablespoon chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
1 tablespoon chopped fresh chives
Salt and freshly ground black

pepper, to taste
1 pound blue lump crabmeat
1 3/4 cups Panko (Japanese bread crumbs)
1/2 cup canola oil
For the lemon aioli
1 egg yolk
1/2 cup lemon juice
2 garlic cloves
1 cup blended oil (blend of canola and other oils)
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
To prepare the tomato relish, bring a large saucepan of water to a boil.
Cut a shallow X in the bottom of each tomato, then drop them in the boiling water. Blanch for 20 to

30 seconds, then use a slotted spoon to transfer the tomatoes to a bowl filled with ice and water.

Once the tomatoes have cooled, use a paring knife to peel the skin from the tomatoes. Squeeze out and discard the seeds, then dice the tomato flesh. Place the diced tomatoes in a medium bowl.

Mix in the shallots, garlic and basil, then season to taste with salt, pepper and sugar. Set aside.

To prepare the crab cakes:
Preheat oven to 375 F.

In a medium skillet over medium heat, melt the butter. Add the garlic, shallot and celery, then sweat (a gentle saute that does not result in browning) for 5 to 7 minutes. Reduce heat as needed to prevent browning.

Transfer the mixture to a large bowl to cool. Once cool, mix in the mayonnaise, cayenne, Old Bay seasoning, parsley, chives, salt and pepper. Gently fold in the crabmeat.

Add half the panko, mixing gently. Shape the mixture into 8 hockey puck-shaped patties. Roll each patty in the remaining panko.

In a large skillet over medium-high, heat the oil. Lightly saute the crabcakes until golden brown on both sides.

Transfer the crabcakes to a baking sheet and place in the oven. Bake 7 to 10 minutes, or until heated through.

Meanwhile, prepare the lemon aioli.

In a blender, combine the egg yolk, lemon juice and garlic cloves. Puree until smooth. With the blender running, drizzle in the oil until thick and emulsified. Season with salt and pepper.

Serve each crabcake with a spoonful of tomato relish on top and a dollop of aioli on the side.

SCHOOL MENUS

BELLE VERNON AREA Breakfast

Daily — Cereal, super bun or doughnut, toaster pastry, toasted bun/peanut butter, assorted juices, fruit, assorted milks.

Monday — Fruit, waffle with sausage patty and syrup.

Tuesday — Orange juice, English muffin with egg, ham and cheese.

Wednesday — Orange juice, breakfast sausage pizza.

Thursday — Orange juice, sausage and pancake stick with syrup.

Friday — Cold cereal with sugar, apple, cinnamon toast.

Lunch

Daily — Chef salad/roll, sliced turkey or ham/or peanut butter and jelly/or cheese on a roll, lettuce, tomato and pickle, fresh fruit, vegetable, milk.

Monday — Pizzaburger or sloppy joe sandwich, potato wedge/catsup, cole slaw, chilled pears.

Tuesday — Baked chicken nuggets/hot roll, sweet and sour sauce, oven fries/catsup, carrot sticks/ranch dip, chilled mixed fruit.

Wednesday — Cheeseburger or hamburger (bun), lettuce/pickle, potato rounds/catsup, chicken noodle soup/crackers, chilled applesauce.

Thursday — Hot turkey and biscuits, mashed potatoes/gravy, steamed corn/cherry jello, chilled peaches.

Friday — Cheese pizza (red or white) or garlic breadsticks/spaghetti sauce, with or without cheese sticks, tossed salad with dressing, chilled mixed fruit.

CALIFORNIA AREA Breakfast

Daily — Milk.
Monday — Toast, juice, cinnamon bun.

Tuesday — Donut, cereal, juice.

Wednesday — Toast, juice, egg/sausage/cheese muffin.

Thursday — Toast, juice, assorted muffins.

Friday — Donut, cereal, juice.

Lunch

Daily — Tuna and peanut butter and jelly sandwich, milk.

Monday — Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, French fries, assorted fruit.

Tuesday — Rigatoni/meat sauce, tossed salad, roll, fruit shape up.

Wednesday — California hoagie/lettuce, corn, assorted fruit.

Thursday — Philly steak and cheese or bacon, steak and cheese hoagie, smile fries, fruit or red and white jello cake with topping.

Friday — Pierogie, cheese or garlic pizza, green beans, assorted fruit.

CHARLEROI AREA Breakfast

Daily — Cereal or yogurt with muffin, juice, milk.

Monday — Bagel with cream cheese.

Tuesday — French toast sticks.

Wednesday — Breakfast sandwich.

Thursday — Country breakfast.

Friday — Funnel cake.

Lunch

Daily — Milk.
Monday — BBQ rib sandwich or hot dog on a bun, French fries, apple slices.

Tuesday — Grilled chicken sandwich or macaroni and cheese with roll, stewed tomatoes, pears.

Wednesday — Chicken and gravy over noodles with roll or beef and cheese steak hoagie, green beans, pineapple tidbits.

Thursday — Popcorn chicken with roll or corn dog with wheat bread, salad, variety of fruit.

Friday — Pizza or tuna salad on rye bread, peas, mandarin oranges.

GEIBEL CATHOLIC Lunch

Daily — Milk.
Monday — Chicken patty, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, dessert.

Tuesday — Stromboli with sauce, green beans, dessert.

Wednesday — Grilled cheese, tomato soup, tater

tots, dessert.

Thursday — Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, pudding.

Friday — Pizza, tossed salad, fruit, dessert.

MADONNA CATHOLIC REGIONAL SCHOOL Breakfast

Daily — Cereal, toast, milk.

Monday — Breakfast Hot Pocket.

Tuesday — Pancakes.

Wednesday — Sausage and cheese bagel.

Thursday — French toast sticks.

Friday — Early dismissal; no breakfast.

Lunch

Daily — Chicken patty, chilled fruit, milk.

Monday — French toast sticks and sausage, hash browns, fruit juice.

Tuesday — Corn dog nuggets, oven potatoes, pudding.

Wednesday — BBQ pork sandwich, oven potatoes, baked beans.

Thursday — Garlic breadsticks with meatballs, dipping sauce and yogurt, vegetable.

Friday — Early dismissal; no lunch.

MONESSEN Breakfast

Daily — Cereal with graham crackers, fruit juice, milk.

Monday — Breakfast mini chicken sandwich.

Tuesday — Breakfast pizza pocket; Secondary — Breakfast pizza.

Wednesday — Flapstick with syrup; Sausage and cheese muffin.

Thursday — Sausage and cheese muffin; Secondary — Cinnamon roll.

Friday — Honey wheat doughnut; Secondary — Waffle with syrup.

Lunch

Daily — Fruit choice, milk.
Monday — Hot turkey sandwich or hot dog on a bun, corn; Secondary — Pasta with meat sauce, French fries, peas.

Tuesday — BBQ rib sandwich or grilled chicken sandwich, green beans; Secondary — Ham and

cheese wrap or hard taco with fixings, French fries, broccoli.

Wednesday — Italian dunkers with sauce or corn dog, mixed vegetables; BBQ rib on a bun or pizza-burger, baked fries, glazed carrots.

Thursday — Pasta with meat sauce or ham and cheese sandwich, broccoli; Secondary — Chicken parm with pasta or buffalo

chicken pizza, French fries, mixed vegetables, cake.

Friday — Fish sandwich or sloppy joe on a bun, Au Gratin potatoes; Grilled cheese/tomato soup or chicken patty on a bun, green beans.

RINGGOLD Lunch

Daily — Fresh fruit or fruit cups, milk.
Monday — Popcorn

chicken with bread slice or Ramburger, broccoli.

Tuesday — Scrambled eggs with ham slice or Philly steak and cheese, tater tots.

Wednesday — Hot turkey sandwich with gravy or corn dog on a stick, mashed potatoes.

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Start the day off right

Ham and cheese casserole makes a satisfying breakfast.

I don't know about you, but I think that breakfast is my favorite meal of the day when I am off. I love to have a good leisurely breakfast and hot, fresh coffee.

This is a great casserole to make and serve or freeze for later. It's also great to make ahead and double the ingredients when you know company is coming for the night, and don't be afraid to serve it with a salad for supper. I think once you taste this, you will make it again and again.

Ham and Cheese Breakfast casserole

Ingredients:
1 package of dry ranch flavored dressing mix



COOKING WITH CYNTHIA

1/2 pound bacon
1 onion, (medium or small depending on your taste)
1 cup packaged diced ham
1 cup sour cream
1 cup sharp cheddar cheese
1/4 cup good parmesan cheese, shredded
1 cup frozen corn, thawed
2 1/2 cups broccoli, tops only or use the frozen chopped and thaw it before hand
Salt and pepper to taste

4 eggs
Directions:
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large ovenproof skillet, cook bacon until slightly browned. Remove bacon and place on paper towels. Add chopped onion and ham into the skillet with about 1 tablespoon of bacon drippings and cook until the onion is tender. Stir in the vegetables. Add dressing mix and let cool to room temperature. In a bowl beat sour cream and eggs together. Stir in half a cup of cheddar cheese and the parmesan cheese. Now, stir this mixture into the reserved vegetable mixture. Top with the remaining half cup of cheese and cooked bacon (crumbled or diced). Bake about 30 minutes or until top is browned and totally set.

Surprise inside this fruit salad

Coconut milk adds flavor to West African version.

By J.M. HIRSCH
AP Food Editor

This unusual, yet delicious West African fruit salad dresses bananas, tomatoes, avocados and pineapple with a simple sauce made from sweetened condensed milk and coconut milk.

Fruit Salad with Coconut Milk

Start to finish: 20 minutes

Servings: 6

1 cup sweetened condensed milk
1 cup coconut milk
2 bananas, cut into 1/4-inch slices
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved

1 avocado, peeled and sliced
1 small pineapple, peeled, cored and cut into bite-size chunks
1/3 cup lightly crushed salted peanuts

In a small saucepan, combine the condensed milk and coconut milk. Bring to a simmer over low heat and let reduce for 15 minutes. Set aside to cool slightly.

Meanwhile, in a small bowl toss together the banana slices and lemon juice. Drain and discard any lemon juice at the bottom of the bowl.

In 6 wine glasses, arrange the bananas, tomatoes, avocado and pineapple in layers. Top each serving with crushed peanuts, then serve with the coconut milk sauce for drizzling over the fruit.

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Crosby back on the ice

Sidney Crosby returned to practice Friday for the first time since being injured. **2B**

Valley SPORTS

Pro Bowl rookies

They may be Pro Bowlers, but Adrian Peterson, Patrick Willis and Joe Thomas are still being treated like rookies. **2B**

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On the road again

The Ringgold boys and Charleroi girls both have to travel for their WPIAL playoff games today. **2B**

Sports Trivia

Who was the last Pittsburgh Steeler to be named Most Valuable Player in the Pro Bowl? **2B**

Last night's scores

Anaheim 2, New Jersey 1
Carolina 2, Washington 1
Boston 3, Buffalo 2, SO

No contest

Unbeaten Lady Hounds jump on California early in 67-24 playoff win.

By **BRIAN HERMAN**

Sports Editor
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FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP — The unbeaten Monessen girls' basketball team should be well rested when it plays Friday or Saturday in the WPIAL playoffs against Geibel or Monaca.

As expected, the Lady Greyhounds didn't get much of a workout in a 67-24 first-round romp over young California Friday in the Charleroi gym.

After Morgan Moluski hit a basket on California's first shot to give the Lady Trojans (8-14) a short-lived 2-0 lead, Monessen (24-0) went on runs of 12-0 and 23-0 in the next eight minutes en route to a commanding 40-6 halftime cushion.

"They're phenomenal and well coached," said California coach Cindy Dunlevy, whose starting five consists of three sophomores and two freshmen.

"They're a machine and a unit that plays well," she added. "They

just know what to do and that comes from experience."

While Dunlevy was impressed with Monessen, coach Major Corley wasn't pleased the way the WPIAL's lone perfect record team started the contest.

"We came out sluggish that's why I called an early timeout," said Corley. "I want our girls playing hard no matter the score or opponent."

Monessen's starters didn't get a chance to pad their stats as Corley cleared his bench with 4:48 left in the first half. They all ended up playing only 19 minutes.

It was enough time, however, for Christina Chukwuedo to score 18 points and grab nine rebounds and Samone Stepoli (11) and Melissa Popovich (10) to combine for 21 rebounds.

Monessen's reserves, meanwhile, combined for 31 points with Jessica Beveridge scoring all 13 of her points in the first half and Jessica Diggs notching eight of her 12 points in the fourth quarter.

Moluski and Kristina Wagner, both sophomores, topped California with 12 and 11 points, respectively.

After Moluski opened the scoring for California, the Lady Trojans went 12 minutes without a field goal before Wagner scored underneath to make the score 37-6.

Despite the defeat Dunlevy remained upbeat.

"This is a start for us," she said. "Hopefully we'll see another playoff game next year."

Corley, meanwhile, doesn't mind the upcoming layoff.

"We'll get some rest and do a lot of shooting in practice next week," he said.

LEFTOVERS: The win upped Corley's WPIAL playoff record to 31-15 ... Monessen had 21 steals, 11 over its average ... The continuous clock went into effect with 3:45 left in the third quarter when a Chukwuedo layup gave Monessen a 50-10 lead ... Beveridge has come off the bench to score 34 points in two games with 10 three-pointers ... California scored 16 points in the fourth quarter after getting 12 points in the opening 24 minutes ... In their last three meetings, Monessen has outscored California, 209-48 ... Geibel and Monaca play at 1:30 p.m. today at South Park.



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Monessen's Breane Minardi, left, drives past California's Danl Zajicek in Friday's WPIAL playoff game.

Trojans score early knockout

California buries Elderton with an 18-3 blitz in the first quarter.

By **JEFF OLIVER**

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FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP — If the first round WPIAL Class A boys' playoff game between California and Elderton at Charleroi Area High School Friday night had been a boxing match, it would have been stopped in the first round, er, quarter.

But it was a basketball game and it had to be played out to the end. And when the clock ran out, the Trojans were on the high side of a 66-33 laugh.

California (16-5) will now meet Bentworth (16-7) in the quarterfinals.

The Trojans started fast against the Bobcats (5-20) and never let up. A 15-1 run in the first quarter gave California an 18-3 lead and the third-seeded team never looked back.

"You have to play defense to win in the playoffs and I think we did that tonight," said California coach Phil Pergola. "But offensively, I think we played our best game in a long time. We really shot the ball well."

That the Trojans did as their lead ballooned to 33-11 at halftime. The only reason the continuous clock never came into play was Pergola substituted freely throughout and his starters were done for the night with more than 6:30 left to play.

"This kind of game is a heck of a lot better than having to win it at the end," Pergola said, smiling. "Still, this time of year I don't know if this is the kind of game we needed. We did get to use everybody, but did we get any better from this?"

"I do know we shot the ball better and we had some kids really have a

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California coach Phil Pergola



Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

California's Travis VanOlst, center, goes for a rebound with Elderton's Dave Ferringer, left, and Brett Moore.

good night."

Some of the players Pergola lauded were youngsters Dominic Roach and John Tyler, as well as Ben Carson.

"I think Roach had his best game of the season and Tyler gave us a couple really nice three-pointers," Pergola said. "That's a sophomore and a freshman and I think those two kids can take something good out of this game."

Pergola also said it was nice to see Carson stroke the outside shot like he did. Carson had 14 points, including four three-pointers.

"It really felt good to see Ben hit those threes," Pergola said. "The last few games he's had a lot of in-and-outers. He deserved to have some shots fall."

Donte Valentino led California with 15 points, including seven in the first quarter when the Trojans got out of the gate quick.

Pergola also praised Valentino's floor play as the senior point guard fired several nice passes to teammates that were converted into baskets.

"Donte does it all for us. He likes to pass and he makes some passes that a lot of kids can't make," the Cal mentor said.

Elderton had one player with double figures, Brett Moore, who finished with 13.

"We'll see what the next game brings," said Pergola. "One thing you can be sure of is it won't be this kind of game."

BVA girls bounced by Blackhawk

By **BILL HUGHES**

For The Valley Independent

BRIDGEVILLE — The Belle Vernon Area girls' first trip to the WPIAL playoffs in nine years didn't last long.

The Lady Leps were knocked out Friday night by Blackhawk, 59-37.

"You can tell the difference in the teams," BVA coach Tim Keefer said in a positive tone. "They start five seniors and they come from a winning program. They have a tradition."

"We want to start that kind of tradition."

The game was called tight early and the advantage went to Blackhawk both in terms of free throws and foul trouble.

In the first half, Blackhawk (16-9) was 14 for 16 from the line while BVA (6-19) was only three for three.

"We got in foul trouble a little more than they did but they have solid depth," Keefer said. "We weren't as deep as them and it showed."

Despite the free throw discrepancy, BVA was still in the game throughout the first half, hitting nine baskets to Blackhawk's seven. Trailing 15-9 after eight minutes, the Leps were down 29-23 at halftime.

The key for BVA in the second quarter was a half-court three-pointer by Jocelyn Connolly at the buzzer that trimmed the Lady Leps' deficit to six points.

More importantly, it gave BVA a shot of adrenaline and momentum going into the second half.

"We had the momentum going into halftime after Jocelyn's shot," Keefer said. "We kept changing presses after halftime and the girls followed the game plan. We just couldn't score."

BVA's constant rotation of its full-court presses stymied the Lady Cougars and held them to seven third quarter points.

The problem, however, was BVA could only muster a Connolly free throw in the frame and the Blackhawk lead swelled to 36-24 heading into the fourth quarter.

Blackhawk ran off six quick points to start the period before Connolly hit BVA's first shot of the second half, a three-pointer, with 5:56 to play.

BVA got no closer as Blackhawk went into full throttle and pulled away.

Despite the loss, Keefer was happy with what he saw.

"Nobody here saw a 6-18 team on the court," he said. "We made progress through the season and played well at times. But this is a start. This is a building block for the program. The foundation has been laid."

Connolly led BVA with 19 points while Krista Franitti (21) and Beth DeLuca (10) hit double figures for Blackhawk.

NOTES: The win was Blackhawk's 52nd in the playoffs while BVA has two ... Blackhawk plays Ringgold at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Canon-McMillan. ... BVA was one of 34 playoff teams that entered the post-season with a sub-500 record ... BVA seniors Kayla Watson and Paige Anderson both fouled out ... Blackhawk finished 26 for 36 from the foul line while BVA was seven for 11.



Tim Keefer

SPORTS



Sidney Crosby

Crosby returns to Penguins' practice

Injured star still isn't close to being in playing shape.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Sidney Crosby practiced with the Pittsburgh Penguins on Friday for the first time since injuring his right ankle last month.

Crosby, last season's NHL scoring champion, was expected to be out six to

eight weeks — or from early to mid March — when he sustained a high ankle sprain Jan. 18 against Tampa Bay.

The Penguins have not revised that timetable since he was hurt, and Crosby also doesn't have a firm target date for returning.

"If you want a prediction, it's not going to happen," Crosby said. "It's the most frustrating thing to really go through, because two

days you can feel pretty good and one day you can wake up and it's sore. Your body needs to heal and that's the way I have to approach it."

Penguins goalie Marc-Andre Fleury has been out since Dec. 6, or more than two months, with the same injury and is not yet ready to play.

Crosby skated four times on his own this week, but Friday was the first time he

practiced with his teammates since being hurt.

Wearing a yellow jersey to show that he was barred from contact, Crosby worked on his shooting and skating and attempted to make sharp turns and quick starts.

Crosby said he is hoping that by working on his conditioning while his ankle heals, he can play immediately after he is

cleared by doctors.

"I'm probably going to reevaluate it in about a week or two weeks and see where I am," he said. "It's going to take a while. I'm not ready to play ... Wishful thinking would be a couple of more weeks, but I really don't know."

Merely being on the ice again isn't an indication that he might be able to return sooner than initially expected, Crosby said.

Three rookies in Pro Bowl

Peterson, Willis and Thomas hope to make an impact Sunday.

By BARRY WILNER
AP Football Writer

HONOLULU — Hey rook, welcome to the Pro Bowl. Now get me a chaise lounge.

Or some shrimp. Or a mai tai.

It's quite an achievement for an NFL rookie to get to the league's all-star game. After the veterans commend them for such strong debuts, though, the orders begin.

"Yeah, they let me know I'm a rookie every day," said San Francisco linebacker Patrick Willis, merely the NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year. "They remind me I need to take every rep, no matter what. It's all fun and games. That's what you have to do when you go through it as a rookie."

Even if you're a 6-foot-6, 313-pound tackle like Joe Thomas of the Browns. Thomas solidified Cleveland's offensive line, helping the team go 10-6 after years of losing. He even drew votes for Offensive Rookie of the Year, which the NFC's Adrian Peterson of the Vikings won, 46 1/2 to 3 1/2 over Thomas.

"I didn't even know offensive linemen were on the ballot," Thomas joked. "I was excited

about that. You never think you have a shot at anything like that."

Or at making the Pro Bowl. "It's an honor and I'm really proud to be able to play with the greatest players in the NFL," Thomas said.

Having such a solid resume and such strong respect for veterans doesn't earn Thomas any slack, though. One AFC teammate said Thomas has to "earn his stripes no matter what we ask," and Thomas admitted he expected to be put-upon by his elders.

"It's great to have three of us here," he said, noting that he, Willis and Peterson can share the rookie abuse. Uh, duties.

Peterson, who set the NFL single-game record with 296 yards rushing against San Diego and wound up with 1,341 yards and 12 touchdowns despite missing 2 1/2 games with a right knee injury, enjoys having two fellow freshmen on hand.

"It means a lot to get to the Pro Bowl, especially as a rookie," he said. "It tells you about the talent we have and how hard the guys worked. We have a mind-set of being young players coming in to have an impact."

"This season was a dream come true and something I definitely felt I could accomplish. And definitely it comes with a prize — a trip to Hawaii."



Patrick Willis

And with a price. So Peterson and his rookie counterparts have been fetching drinks, carrying bags and servicing the vets. It's a thankless job, but it comes with the territory.

As does playing special teams in the game, which makes sense for Willis, a tackling machine.

"He's one of the best young players in the game," Bengals receiver Chad Johnson said Thursday. "It's rare for someone to come in and have an impact like that, so young. The last one I saw wears No. 52 in Baltimore (Ray Lewis)."

Thomas faced Willis at times in the season finale, Cleveland's 20-7 win over San Francisco. Willis' 49ers held Peterson to his lowest total, a mere 3 yards in 14 rushes, in a 27-7 Minnesota victory three weeks earlier.

Now, the three rookies are bonded in servitude — at least for this week.

Ringgold, Charleroi are on playoff road

Rams at North Allegheny for their first post-season game since 1997.

By BRIAN HERMAN

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Unlike the Ringgold High boys' basketball team, its first-year coach Pete Logan is no stranger to the recent WPIAL playoffs.

While the Rams (8-16) will be playing their first post-season game since 1997 at noon today against Hampton (13-10) at North Allegheny, Logan has been in seven of the last nine in stints at Brownsville and Clairton.

Ironically, Logan — who won WPIAL titles with both the Falcons and Bears — didn't make the playoffs in his initial year at either school.

Despite their poor overall record, Ringgold made the playoffs as a third-place team in Section 4 with a 5-5 slate.

"We didn't sneak in to the playoffs," said Logan, whose club edged South Park, 52-50, in the season finale in the showdown for third place. We accomplished what we set out to. I think we overachieved."

Four of Ringgold's losses came in a holiday tournament out of state where it lost to strong Kentucky teams.

The Rams are led by senior R.J. Brownlee and junior Dave Bassi, who averaged 15 and 10 points, respectively.

Coached by former Frazier star Joe Lafko, Hampton's overall record is misleading because six of their 10

losses were by three or fewer points.

One of Hampton's victims was Section 4 champion Chartiers Valley, 45-40, in the championship game of the season-opening tournament at North Hills.

Oddly, it was the same night the Rams knocked off Section 5 champion Belle Vernon Area, 61-57, on the Leps' floor.

Last year Hampton went 22-4, losing 54-47 to Ambridge at North Allegheny after beating Yough, 71-59, in the first round.

Elsewhere, Charleroi's girls (13-11) will be making their third straight post-season appearance under coach Nick Mahalko against Wilkesburg (11-9) at 3 p.m. at Northgate.

Mahalko doesn't need a scouting report after watching the Lady Tigers lose at Monessen, 62-27, in a season finale eight days ago.

"They're a better team than they showed at Monessen," he said. "Being on a bus for two hours and having only five minutes to warm up couldn't have helped them."

Wilkesburg features the WPIAL's top scorer in 5-7 junior Darche Jackson, who averaged 36 points.

"We'll play the same kind of defenses we used against Gina Naccarato and Charel Allen (Monessen's two 3,000 point scorers)," he said. "If we come out tight and Jackson comes out hot, we're in trouble."

Senior Makayla Neff (13) and junior Aly Lee (12) are Charleroi's top scorers, with junior Hayley Shannon and senior Jen Samoda the leading rebounders with six and five, respectively.

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

Rehired at Ringgold were football coach Lou DeFelices and five of his assistants: John and Joe Connolly, Dave Cook, Mickey Davis and Paul Zolak.

Charleroi High's swimmers beat Belle Vernon Area, 109-62, for their first Section 3 title, with Jamie Stache and Dave Price both triple winners.

20 Years Ago

Monessen downed Clairton, 94-71, to win the Section 16 title with Jimbo Malinchak scoring 20 points.

Garnett Rawls had 21 points in Charleroi's 86-72

loss to Duquesne.

Craig Taylor scored 26 points in Ringgold's 63-61 defeat to Tri-Valley.

Chuck Kelley scored 16 points in Belle Vernon Area's 84-49 loss to McKeesport.

Dave Mahalko was hired as Monessen assistant baseball coach.

Pittsburgh's Mario Lemieux stole the spotlight in the NHL All-Star Game with a record six points (three goals and three assists) in the Wales Conference's 6-5 victory over the Campbell Conference.

10 Years Ago

Belle Vernon Area

linebacker Jamie Guerra signed with the University of Buffalo.

Junior Sasha Zuro scored a career-high 31 points, grabbed 13 rebounds and blocked eight shots in Belle Vernon Area's 77-67 win over Thomas Jefferson.

Bryant Thomas poured in 34 points in Bentworth's 57-38 romp at Monessen.

Justin DePretis scored three goals in Ringgold's 7-3 hockey upset over previously unbeaten Canevin.

The San Francisco 49ers waived former Steeler Pro Bowlers Rod Woodson and Kevin Greene in cost-cutting moves.

SPORTS DIGEST

Mon Valley Thunder loses, home tonight

The Mon Valley Thunder is home with the Wooster Warriors tonight at the Ice Garden coming off an 11-7 loss at Jamestown Friday in the Class A Mid-Atlantic League.

Jamestown (13-18) broke open a 7-6 game with four unanswered goals within six minutes in the third period.

Josh Laliberte had two goals for Mon Valley (10-16-3) with Daniel Schmitt, Jesse Farley, K.C. Hahey, Michael Jordan and David Sabol getting the other goals.

Erik Kent had four goals for the Vikings including three in the opening period. Jamestown outshot Mon Valley, 44-32.

Bossard named Pitt receivers' coach

Bryan Bossard is the new Pitt wide receivers coach after serving the last three years at Maryland.

Bossard previously worked under Pitt coach Dave Wannstedt in a pair of NFL summer coaching internships with the Chicago Bears in 1996-97.

In other Pitt coaching staff news, Scott Turner and Greg Williams were named graduate assistants.

BVA ticket sale slated Monday

A ticket sale for the Belle Vernon Area-Keystone Oaks' boys basketball playoff game Tuesday or Wednesday will be held Monday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the BVA High athletic office. Ticket prices are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students.

Two Penn State gridders suspended

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — Penn State receiver Chris Bell and defensive tackle Phillip Taylor have been suspended from the team, the latest players facing disciplinary issues in a turbulent year off the field for the Nittany Lions.

Bell and Taylor "are not participating with the team until such time that their academic situation improves and any off-the-field issues are behind them," the athletic department said Friday in a one-line statement.

The sophomores were mentioned — but not charged — in a criminal complaint last year concerning a fight during a fraternity dance party at the student union. Authorities said one man was beat up and treated at the scene.

Two other players are awaiting trial on felony assault and other charges in the Oct. 7 fight. Defensive tackle Chris Baker and backup linebacker Navorro Bowman were kicked off the team last month, at least temporarily.

A third player, cornerback Knowledge Timmons, was charged with misdemeanor disorderly conduct and defiant trespass stemming from an incident after the fight. He has also been kicked off the team, but could return.

Penguins send Kennedy to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Penguins reassigned forward Tyler Kennedy to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton of the AHL. Kennedy has eight goals and four assists in 31 games during two separate stints with the Penguins this season.

During his most recent stint, Kennedy missed eight games with mononucleosis since Jan. 19. He also missed the YoungStars Game during the NHL's All-Star Weekend due to that illness.

Earnhardt to debut new Hendrick ride

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — It's been years since Dale Earnhardt Jr. dominated Daytona International Speedway, where he's won 10 times in two series.

With a powerful new Chevrolet built by mighty Hendrick Motorsports, Earnhardt hopes to return to his winning ways starting with tonight's exhibition Budweiser Shootout. The first test of the most scrutinized move in NASCAR history is here, and Earnhardt is ready to get rolling in his new ride.

"I want to go out and run in the top-five regularly. I have to prove that to myself," he said. "Once that is cool, I am fine. All I really wanted was to run up front every week and to go to the race track knowing that my car is good, my team is good."

Pikulsky bowls 300 game

Valley Independent staff writer Jeff Pikulsky joined the 300 club in the Thursday Nite Classic League at Mount Vernon Bowling Lanes in Uniontown. A 205 average bowler, Pikulsky threw a 204 and 247 in the second and third games for a 751 series.

Trivia answer

Cornerback Mel Blount in 1977.

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SPORTS

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	30	18	5	65	172	150
Pittsburgh	30	19	5	65	159	147
New Jersey	30	21	4	64	141	133
N.Y. Rangers	27	24	6	60	140	144
N.Y. Islanders	24	25	6	54	131	160

Northeast Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	33	18	4	70	190	163
Montreal	29	17	9	67	175	154
Boston	28	21	5	61	142	144
Buffalo	25	21	8	58	160	153
Toronto	22	25	9	53	154	182

Southeast Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	27	26	4	58	167	179
Washington	26	25	5	57	161	174
Atlanta	26	27	4	56	155	185
Florida	25	26	5	55	149	158
Tampa Bay	23	27	5	51	160	183

WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	41	11	4	86	188	120
Nashville	28	21	6	62	156	147
Columbus	26	23	7	59	138	143
St. Louis	24	21	7	55	135	149
Chicago	24	25	5	53	148	157

Northwest Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	30	20	4	64	149	144
Colorado	29	21	5	63	156	152
Calgary	27	20	8	62	157	160
Vancouver	27	21	7	61	144	137
Edmonton	25	26	5	55	150	166

Pacific Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	33	20	5	71	168	145
Anaheim	30	22	7	67	145	148
San Jose	29	17	7	65	140	129
Phoenix	28	23	4	60	151	151
Los Angeles	23	30	3	49	160	184

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Friday's Games

Anaheim 2, New Jersey 1
Carolina 2, Washington 1
Boston 3, Buffalo 2, SO
Columbus at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Today's Games

Los Angeles at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Toronto, 3 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Minnesota, 6 p.m.
Florida at Boston, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Carolina at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Nashville at San Jose, 10 p.m.
Colorado at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 1 p.m.
Anaheim at Detroit, 3:30 p.m.
Florida at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at St. Louis, 6 p.m.
Los Angeles at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Nashville at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Mid-Atlantic Hockey League

	W	L	T	Pts
Indiana	29	1	0	58
Wooster	14	13	2	30
Jamestown	13	18	0	26
Mon Valley	10	16	3	23
Valley Forge	8	19	2	18

Friday

Jamestown 11, Mon Valley 7
Today
Wooster at Mon Valley, 7:30 p.m.
Valley Forge at Indiana

PSAC standings

Men				
Western Division				
	PSAC	W	L	Overall
California	6	0	15	4
Edinboro	5	1	15	5
Indiana	4	2	12	9
Clarion	3	3	11	9
Slippery Rock	2	4	4	16
Lock Haven	1	5	1	19
Shippensburg	0	6	6	15

Eastern Division				
	PSAC	W	L	Overall
Cheyney	5	1	13	6
Kutztown	5	1	13	7
Millersville	4	2	15	6
Mansfield	3	3	15	6
East Stroudsburg	2	4	13	7
West Chester	2	4	12	10
Bloomsburg	0	6	8	12

Today's Games				
California at Clarion (7:30 p.m.)				
Shippensburg at Edinboro				
Lock Haven at Slippery Rock				
Cheyney at Bloomsburg				
West Chester at Kutztown				
Millersville at Mansfield				
Penn State Schuylkill at East Stroudsburg				

Women				
Western Division				
	PSAC	W	L	Overall
Indiana	5	1	20	2
California	4	2	17	4
Shippensburg	4	2	16	5
Clarion	4	2	14	6
Edinboro	2	4	12	8
Slippery Rock	1	5	7	14
Lock Haven	1	5	6	14

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	PSAC	W	L	Overall
Millersville	6	0	17	4
West Chester	4	2	12	8
Cheyney	3	3	6	13
East Stroudsburg	3	3	9	11
Kutztown	2	4	9	12
Bloomsburg	2	4	7	14
Mansfield	1	5	6	15

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MEN				
EAST				
Brown 77, Dartmouth 51				
Columbia 74, Penn 58				
Cornell 72, Princeton 61				
Fairfield 66, Manhattan 61				
Iona 66, Canisius 59				
Rider 80, Niagara 76				
Siena 97, Marist 88, OT				
Yale 83, Harvard 70				

SOUTH				
ETSU 95, Florida Gulf Coast 71				
Stetson 72, S.C.-Upstate 64				



Alexander Frolov and the Los Angeles Kings will face the Penguins at 1 p.m. on Fox Sports.

Sports dial

Today

Television
Noon - Channel 4 - Providence at St. John's, college basketball.

Noon - ESPN - Marquette at Notre Dame, college basketball.

1 p.m. - Channel 2 - Boston College at Duke, college basketball.

1 p.m. - Fox Sports - Los Angeles at Pittsburgh, hockey.

1 p.m. - Golf Channel - Allianz Championship, golf.

2 p.m. - ESPN - Iowa at Minnesota, college basketball.

3 p.m. - Channel 2 - Pebble Beach Pro-Am, golf.

3:30 p.m. - Channel 4 - Virginia at Wake Forest, college basketball.

4 p.m. - ESPN - Georgia Tech at Connecticut, college basketball.

4 p.m. - ESPN2 - Hampton at Delaware State, college basketball.

4 p.m. - Fox Sports - California at Oregon, women's college basketball.

6 p.m. - ESPN - Oklahoma State at Kansas State, college basketball.

6 p.m. - ESPN2 - Hawaii at Nevada, college basketball.

6 p.m. - Fox Sports - Texas at Texas A&M, college basketball.

8 p.m. - Channel 53 - Budweiser Shootout, auto racing.

8 p.m. - Fox Sports - Texas Tech at Baylor, women's college basketball.

9 p.m. - ESPN - Georgetown at Louisville, college basketball.

9 p.m. - WGN - Chicago at Utah, pro basketball.

9:45 p.m. - HBO - Carlos Quintana vs Paul Williams; Andre Berto vs Michel Trabant, boxing.

10 p.m. - Fox Sports - South Florida at Cincinnati, women's college basketball.

Radio

5:30 p.m. - WCAL (91.9 FM) - California at Clarion, women's basketball.

7:30 p.m. - WCAL (91.9 FM) - California at Clarion, college basketball.

Sunday

Television
Noon - Versus - USA vs Austria, Davis Cup, tennis.

12:30 p.m. - ESPN - Bayer Classic, bowling.

1 p.m. - Channel 2 - Indiana at Ohio State, college basketball.

1 p.m. - Channel 4 - San Antonio at Boston, pro basketball.

1 p.m. - Golf Channel - Allianz Championship, golf.

1 p.m. - Channel 53 - Daytona 500 qualifying, auto racing.

2:30 p.m. - Fox Sports - Arizona State at Arizona, college basketball.

3 p.m. - Channel 2 - Pebble Beach Pro-Am, golf.

3:30 p.m. - Channel 4 - Los Angeles Lakers at Miami, pro basketball.

3:30 p.m. - Channel 11 - Anaheim at Detroit, hockey.

Sports moves

BASEBALL

American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Acquired OF Adam Jones, LHP George Sherrill, RHP Chris Tillman, LHP Tony Butler and RHP Kam Mickolio from Seattle for LHP Erik Bedard.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with INF Morgan Ensberg and INF Chris Woodward on minor league contracts.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Agreed to terms with RHP Keith Foulke on a one-year contract. Designated 1B Wes Bankston for assignment.

National League

CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with LHP Kent Mercker on a minor league contract.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Exercised the 2009 club option on Ned Yost, manager.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
NBA—Suspended L.A. Clippers G Sam Cassell one game, without pay, for committing a flagrant foul, penalty two for swinging and making contact with the head of Boston G Rajon Rondo.

CHARLOTTE BOBCATS—Recalled F Jeremiah Davidson from Sioux Falls (NBADL).

FOOTBALL

National Football League
BALTIMORE RAVENS—Named Jim Hostler wide receivers coach and Craig Ver Steeg offensive quality control coach.

DENVER BRONCOS—Promoted college scout Jeff Goodman to assistant general manager.

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed CB Joey Thomas.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League
LOS ANGELES KINGS—Assigned G Jean-Sebastien Aubin to Manchester (AHL).

MONTREAL CANADIENS—Acquired RW Brett Engelhardt from Detroit for F Francis Lemieux.

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Assigned F Tyler Kennedy to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL).

Basketball playoffs

Boys

Class AAAA Friday

Norwin 64, Butler 56
Central Catholic 69, Latrobe 62
North Allegheny 81, Gateway 55
Moon 64, Plum 39

Today

At Plum
McKeesport (17-3) vs Hempfield (10-13)
At North Hills

1:30 p.m. - Seneca Valley (17-7) vs Upper St. Clair (19-5)

At North Allegheny
3 p.m. - Canon-McMillan (17-7) vs Shaler (12-11)
At Gateway

1:30 p.m. - Franklin Regional (18-6) vs Peters Township (16-8)

Class AAA Friday

Mt. Pleasant 51, Mars 50
Ambridge 55, West Mifflin 42
Laurel Highlands 45, South Park 44

Today

At North Allegheny
Noon - Ringgold (8-16) vs Hampton (13-10)

At Ringgold
1:30 p.m. - Thomas Jefferson (9-13) vs Derry (7-17)

Tuesday or Wednesday
Sites to be determined
Belle Vernon Area (19-5) vs Keystone Oaks (14-10)

Greensburg Salem (18-5) vs Montour (14-10)
Indiana (19-5) vs Steel Valley (16-5)
Chartiers Valley (22-2) vs Mt. Pleasant (10-13)

Uniontown (18-4) vs Ambridge (9-15)
Blackhawk (19-5) vs Laurel Highlands (13-10)
Highlands (19-4) vs Thomas Jefferson-Derry winner

Hopewell (18-5) vs Ringgold-Hampton winner

Class AA Friday

Greensburg Central 53, Northgate 42
Canevin 54, Burgettstown 53
Quaker Valley 48, Summit Academy 47

Today

At Fox Chapel
Noon - Center (15-7) vs West Shamokin (16-6)
3 p.m. - Brentwood (14-8) vs Springdale (16-6)

At Chartiers Valley
1:30 p.m. - Seton LaSalle (12-12) vs Brownsville (11-13)

At Highlands
3 p.m. - Shady Side Academy (17-7) vs Neshannock (11-10)

At New Castle
1:30 p.m. - Mohawk (12-7) vs Ford City (13-11)

Tuesday or Wednesday
Sites to be determined
Monessen (18-5) vs Mohawk-Ford City winner

Beaver Falls (19-3) vs Brentwood-Springdale winner
Washington (18-6) vs Greensburg Central (17-8)

North Catholic (21-3) vs Quaker Valley (16-9)
Riverside (23-1) vs Seton LaSalle-Brownsville winner

Jeannette (16-4) vs Center-West Shamokin winner
South Fayette (19-5) vs Shady Side Academy-Neshannock winner

Aliquippa (16-8) vs Canevin (13-12)

Class A Friday

California 66, Elderton 33
Bentworth 74, Sewickley Academy 68
Union 82, Mapletown 47

Today

At Monessen
2:30 p.m. - St. Joseph (13-10) vs Carmichaels (18-4)

At Highlands
Noon - Lincoln Park (14-6) vs Leechburg (7-11)

At Northgate
1:30 p.m. - Wilkinsburg (12-10) vs Cornell (12-9)

At South Park
Noon - Clairton (11-10) vs Monaca (10-13)
3 p.m. - Trinity Christian (31-6) vs Geibel (6-14)

Tuesday or Wednesday
Serra (21-2) vs St. Joseph-Carmichaels winner

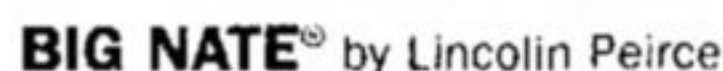
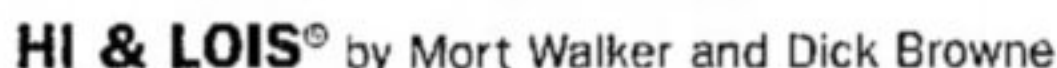
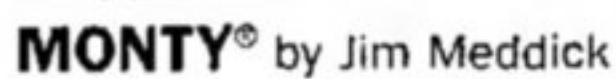
Girls

Class AAAA Friday
Oakland Catholic 58, Latrobe 47
Woodland Hills 52, Uniontown 47
New Castle 47, Bethel Park 41

Today

At North Hills
Noon - Upper St. Clair (18-5) vs North Allegheny (13-10)
3 p.m. - Norwin (23-1) vs Seneca Valley (1-14)

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CrosswordPuzzle

ACROSS

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- 18 Running wild
- 20 Racket
- 21 Boxing great
- 22 Gets smart (2 wds.)
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- 33 Close by (2 wds.)
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- 36 Things on a list
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- 38 Frisk about

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- 4 Finance
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- 6 Worn away
- 7 Vacation option
- 8 Morse click

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TV LISTINGS

Two nos won't make a yes for man who wants to marry

DEAR ABBY: I have been divorced for 4 1/2 years, after a 24-year marriage.

For the last 3 1/2 years, I have been seeing a woman I'll call "Marilyn."

My problem is I have proposed to Marilyn on two occasions, and she has said no both times — yet she continues our relationship.

I am 49 and she is 45.

Marilyn has never been married and never left home.

She lives with her mother and 15-year-old daughter.

We all get along great. I guess my question is, do I continue with the way things are, or should I try to meet someone else, take a chance and start all over again? —

WANTS A WIFE IN

Dear **ABBY**



PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR WANTS A WIFE: You're asking the wrong person the wrong question.

You should be asking yourself why you're continuing to pursue a woman who has rejected you twice.

If you're happy as things are, I won't dissuade you. However, if it's a wife you're after, you should move on.

As my grandfather used to say, if you're looking for

trout, you won't find it fishing in a herring barrel.

DEAR ABBY: I love my fiancé.

We're supposed to be married soon.

I can envision myself with him in the future, but I have never really been out on my own to experience life.

I think I may be bisexual.

I have been attracted to a woman at work for about a month now, and I can't get her off my mind.

I do want to be with my fiancé — just not right now.

But if I tell him I want a break to explore who I am, I'm afraid I'll lose him forever.

Please help. — **LONGING FOR SPACE**

DEAR LONGING: You may love your fiancé, but you are not ready to make a lifetime commitment to one person right now — male or female.

To do otherwise would be unfair to both of you.

The time has come to level with your fiancé.

It may — or may not — spell the end of the relationship, but it could also be the beginning of something more important: getting to know yourself.

Under no circumstances should you take a vow "to forsake all others" until you're absolutely sure you're able to follow through.

DEAR ABBY: I am 45 years old and in great shape.

I have always taken care of myself by watching

what I eat and exercising on a daily basis.

I take pride in my physical and mental health, and take steps every day to achieve my goals.

People often tell me I don't need to worry about my weight, etc.

Actually, I look the way I do because I DO worry about my weight!

So why do these comments bother me?

And why do people make these comments? —

FULLY ALIVE AT 45

DEAR FULLY ALIVE: The remarks bother you because they negate the fact that you work hard to be the person you are.

And people make them because they fail to appreciate that being mentally and physically in tip-top condition takes discipline

and is an ongoing process.

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SATURDAY EVENING

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	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	12AM	12:30	1AM	1:30	2AM	2:30
CBS	News (N)	CBS Evening News (N)	(7) News/ (7) Entertainment Tonight/ (30) Inside Edition Weekend	(2) The Insider (N)/ (30) Two and a Half Men	Shark "Here Comes the Judge" Sebastian prosecutes the case of a judge's murdered wife.	48 Hours Mystery "Who Killed the Beauty Queen?" Beauty queen falls victim to crime. (N)	48 Hours Mystery "Where's Our Baby?" A couple is charged with conspiracy involving the disappearance of their baby.	News (N)	CSI: Miami "Witness to Murder" A mentally disabled man is the only witness to a murder.	(2) CSI: Miami "Blood Moon" (2) Without a Trace "Malone v. Malone" (10) Cold Case "Ravaged"	(2) Lyons & Bailes Reel Talk/ (7) Cold Case/ (10) Without a Trace	(2) Lyons & Bailes Reel Talk (N)	(4) Paid/ (23) Girls Behaving Badly	(4) Paid/ (23) Girls Behaving Badly	(4) Paid/ (23) Girls Behaving Badly	(4) Paid/ (23) Girls Behaving Badly	(4) Paid/ (23) Girls Behaving Badly	(4) Paid/ (23) Girls Behaving Badly
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ABC	News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	(6) Entertainment Tonight/ (11) Wheel of Fortune/ (11) Jeopardy!	(9) Cash Explosion/ (11) Who Wants to Be a Millionaire	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Seeds" A fertility doctor is murdered.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Snitch" A polygamist's wife is murdered.	Law & Order "Misbegotten" An explosion exposes a scientist's controversial research.	News (N)	Saturday Night Live Brian Williams; Feist.	(6) Star Trek "The Ultimate Computer" (11) Cops "Mardi Gras '02"	(11) NASCAR Angels	(6) Masterminds/ (9) Entertainers/ (11) Da Vinci's Inquest	(6) Masterminds/ (9) Entertainers/ (11) Da Vinci's Inquest	(6) Masterminds/ (9) Entertainers/ (11) Da Vinci's Inquest	(6) Masterminds/ (9) Entertainers/ (11) Da Vinci's Inquest	(6) Masterminds/ (9) Entertainers/ (11) Da Vinci's Inquest	(6) Masterminds/ (9) Entertainers/ (11) Da Vinci's Inquest	(6) Masterminds/ (9) Entertainers/ (11) Da Vinci's Inquest
(6) WJAC (9) WTVQ (11) WPXI	(8) Paid/ (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) The King of Queens/ (53) Friends	(16) American Idol Reunited/ (53) Friends	(53) Seinfeld Kramer helps friend flee the police.	NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup — Budweiser Shootout. From Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla.	(8) News (N)/ (53) Channel 11 News on FOX 53/ Half Men at 10	(8) Seinfeld/ (53) Two and a Half Men	Mad TV Parodies of "Hannah Montana" (N)	Talkshow With Spike Feresten John Langley. (N)	(8) Chappelle's Show/ (53) Sex and the City	(8) Paid/ (53) Sex and the City	(8) Paid/ (53) Sex and the City	(8) Paid/ (53) Sex and the City	(8) Paid/ (53) Sex and the City	(8) Paid/ (53) Sex and the City	(8) Paid/ (53) Sex and the City	(8) Paid/ (53) Sex and the City	(8) Paid/ (53) Sex and the City
(3) WQED	Antiques Roadshow "Orlando, Florida"	The Lawrence Welk Show "Tribute to Irving Berlin"	Without a Trace "Malone v. Malone"	Keeping Up Appearances "Everybody-Raymond"	Are You Being Served? "According to Jim"	As Time Goes By "The King of Queens"	Waiting for God "The King of Queens"	The New Red Green Show "The 10 O'Clock News"	Excellent Adventures "The Nightly Sports Call"	Roadtrip Nation "Rare Visions-Revelations"	Steelers TV "That '70s Show"	Steelers TV "That '70s Show"	Steelers TV "That '70s Show"	Steelers TV "That '70s Show"	Steelers TV "That '70s Show"	Steelers TV "That '70s Show"	Steelers TV "That '70s Show"	Steelers TV "That '70s Show"
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AGE	★★★ Patriot Games (1992)	★★★ True Lies (1994) A man lives the double life of a spy and a family man.	★★★ Sleeping With the Enemy (1991) Premiere.	★★★ Die Hard (1988) Premiere	★★★ Cool Hand Luke (1967)	★★★ The Princess and the Marine (2001)	★★★ True Lies (1994) A man lives the double life of a spy and a family man.	★★★ Sleeping With the Enemy (1991) Premiere.	★★★ Die Hard (1988) Premiere	★★★ Cool Hand Luke (1967)	★★★ The Princess and the Marine (2001)	★★★ True Lies (1994) A man lives the double life of a spy and a family man.	★★★ Sleeping With the Enemy (1991) Premiere.	★★★ Die Hard (1988) Premiere	★★★ Cool Hand Luke (1967)	★★★ The Princess and the Marine (2001)	★★★ True Lies (1994) A man lives the double life of a spy and a family man.	★★★ Sleeping With the Enemy (1991) Premiere.
ABCFAM	★★★ Never Been Kissed (1999)	★★★ Die Hard (1988) Premiere	★★★ Cool Hand Luke (1967)	★★★ The Princess and the Marine (2001)	★★★ True Lies (1994) A man lives the double life of a spy and a family man.	★★★ Sleeping With the Enemy (1991) Premiere.	★★★ Die Hard (1988) Premiere	★★★ Cool Hand Luke (1967)	★★★ The Princess and the Marine (2001)	★★★ True Lies (1994) A man lives the double life of a spy and a family man.	★★★ Sleeping With the Enemy (1991) Premiere.	★★★ Die Hard (1988) Premiere	★★★ Cool Hand Luke (1967)	★★★ The Princess and the Marine (2001)	★★★ True Lies (1994) A man lives the double life of a spy and a family man.	★★★ Sleeping With the Enemy (1991) Premiere.	★★★ Die Hard (1988) Premiere	★★★ Cool Hand Luke (1967)
AMC	★★★ Jurassic Park (1993)	★★★ Die Hard (1988) Premiere	★★★ Cool Hand Luke (1967)	★★★ The Princess and the Marine (2001)	★★★ True Lies (1994) A man lives the double life of a spy and a family man.	★★★ Sleeping With the Enemy (1991) Premiere.	★★★ Die Hard (1988) Premiere	★★★ Cool Hand Luke (1967)	★★★ The Princess and the Marine (2001)	★★★ True Lies (1994) A man lives the double life of a spy and a family man.	★★★ Sleeping With the Enemy (1991) Premiere.	★★★ Die Hard (1988) Premiere	★★★ Cool Hand Luke (1967)	★★★ The Princess and the Marine (2001)	★★★ True Lies (1994) A man lives the double life of a spy and a family man.	★★★ Sleeping With the Enemy (1991) Premiere.	★★★ Die Hard (1988) Premiere	★★★ Cool Hand Luke (1967)
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BBC	Doctor Who	Doctor Who "Gridlock"	Torchwood "Sleeper"	The Graham Norton Show	Torchwood "Sleeper"	The Graham Norton Show	Torchwood "Sleeper"	The Graham Norton Show	Torchwood "Sleeper"	The Graham Norton Show	Torchwood "Sleeper"	The Graham Norton Show	Torchwood "Sleeper"	The Graham Norton Show	Torchwood "Sleeper"	The Graham Norton Show	Torchwood "Sleeper"	The Graham Norton Show
BET	★★★ Jason's Lyric (1994)	★★★ Woman Thou Art Loosed (2004)	Celebration of Gospel Steve Harvey hosts.	Salt N Pepa	Salt N Pepa	Salt N Pepa	Salt N Pepa	Salt N Pepa	Salt N Pepa	Salt N Pepa	Salt N Pepa	Salt N Pepa	Salt N Pepa	Salt N Pepa	Salt N Pepa	Salt N Pepa	Salt N Pepa	Salt N Pepa
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CNN	Lou Dobbs This Week	CNN Election Center "Louisiana Presidential Primary Coverage"	The Celebrity Apprentice	The Celebrity Apprentice	The Celebrity Apprentice	The Celebrity Apprentice	The Celebrity Apprentice	The Celebrity Apprentice	The Celebrity Apprentice	The Celebrity Apprentice	The Celebrity Apprentice	The Celebrity Apprentice	The Celebrity Apprentice	The Celebrity Apprentice	The Celebrity Apprentice	The Celebrity Apprentice	The Celebrity Apprentice	The Celebrity Apprentice
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DISNEY	Han, Montana	Han, Montana	Han, Montana	Zack & Cody	Cory in House	★★★ Snow Dogs (2002)	Saturday Night Live	Chelsea	Grey's Anatomy	Desperate Housewives	Frasier	Golden Girls	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
E!	A. Winehouse	Britney-Siege	El News Weekend	★★★ Chocolat (2003) Premiere.	Saturday Night Live	Chelsea	Grey's Anatomy	Desperate Housewives	Frasier	Golden Girls	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
ESPN	College Basketball Oklahoma State at Kansas State.	College Basketball Cincinnati at Rutgers.	NHRA Drag Racing: CARQUEST Auto Parts Winter Nationals	Bull Riding	College Football All-Star Challenge	NBA Matchup	Boxing	Haugen vs. Pazienza	Boxing: Haugen vs. Pazienza	Bull Riding	College Football All-Star Challenge	NBA Matchup	Boxing	Haugen vs. Pazienza	Boxing: Haugen vs. Pazienza	Bull Riding	College Football All-Star Challenge	NBA Matchup
ESPN2	College Basketball Hawaii at Nevada.	Mother Angela-Classical	Daily Mass: Our Lady	Fr. John Corapi	The Journey Home	Daily Mass: Our Lady	Fr. John Corapi	The Journey Home	Daily Mass: Our Lady	Fr. John Corapi	The Journey Home	Daily Mass: Our Lady	Fr. John Corapi	The Journey Home	Daily Mass: Our Lady	Fr. John Corapi	The Journey Home	Daily Mass: Our Lady
EWTV	Mother Angela-Classical	Daily Mass: Our Lady	Fr. John Corapi	The Journey Home	Daily Mass: Our Lady	Fr. John Corapi	The Journey Home	Daily Mass: Our Lady	Fr. John Corapi	The Journey Home	Daily Mass: Our Lady	Fr. John Corapi	The Journey Home	Daily Mass: Our Lady	Fr. John Corapi	The Journey Home	Daily Mass: Our Lady	Fr. John Corapi
FNC	Fox News Live	Fox Report	Gerald at Large	Special Programming	Red Eye	House "Clueless"	True Life	True Life	True Life	True Life	True Life	True Life	True Life	True Life	True Life	True Life	True Life	True Life
FOOD	Valentine's Unwrapped	Treats of the Trade: Dessert	Challenge Love sculptures.	Challenge Chocolate art.	Challenge	Challenge	Challenge	Challenge	Challenge	Challenge	Challenge	Challenge	Challenge	Challenge	Challenge	Challenge	Challenge	Challenge
FSN	Women's College Basketball Texas at Texas A&M.	Women's College Basketball Texas Tech at Baylor.	Women's College Basketball South Florida at Cincinnati.	Toughest Cowboy (N)	Final Score	Final Score	Sledhead	Update	Update	Update	Update	Update	Update	Update	Update	Update	Update	Update
FX	★★★ S.W.A.T. (2003)	★★★ The Italian Job (2003) A thief and his crew plan to steal back their gold.	★★★ Catwoman (2004) Premiere.	★★★ The Italian Job (2003) A thief and his crew plan to steal back their gold.	★★★ Catwoman (2004) Premiere.	★★★ The Italian Job (2003) A thief and his crew plan to steal back their gold.	★★★ Catwoman (2004) Premiere.	★★★ The Italian Job (2003) A thief and his crew plan to steal back their gold.	★★★ Catwoman (2004) Premiere.	★★★ The Italian Job (2003) A thief and his crew plan to steal back their gold.	★★★ Catwoman (2004) Premiere.	★★★ The Italian Job (2003) A thief and his crew plan to steal back their gold.	★★★ Catwoman (2004) Premiere.	★★★ The Italian Job (2003) A thief and his crew plan to steal back their gold.	★★★ Catwoman (2004) Premiere.	★★★ The Italian Job (2003) A thief and his crew plan to steal back their gold.	★★★ Catwoman (2004) Premiere.	★★★ The Italian Job (2003) A thief and his crew plan to steal back their gold.
GOLF	Post Game	PGA Tour Golf Champions — Allianz Championship — Second Round.	Golf Central	Golf ANZ Ladies Masters — Third Round.	Lingo	Whammy	Be a Millionaire	Twenty One	Body	Beat-Clock	Body	Beat-Clock	Body	Beat-Clock	Body	Beat-Clock	Body	Beat-Clock
GSN	Dog Eat Dog	Greed	Be a Millionaire	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud
HALL	Audrey's Rain (2003)	Back to You and Me (2005)	Designed-Sell	Deserving	Color Splash	Divine Design	Design-Dime	Find Style	Color Correct.	Get It	Alaska: Big America	Desperate Housewives	Frasier	Golden Girls	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
HGTV	Get It	24-Hr Design	House Worth?	House	Designed-Sell	Deserving	Color Splash	Divine Design	Design-Dime	Find Style	Color Correct.	Get It	Alaska: Big America	Desperate Housewives	Frasier	Golden Girls	Paid	Paid
HIST	Band of Brothers	Love Notes (2007)	Deadly Encounter	Unlocking the Past	True Life	True Life	True Life	True Life	True Life	True Life	True Life	True Life	True Life	True Life	True Life	True Life	True Life	True Life
LIFE	★★★ Urban Cowboy (1980)	Love Notes (2007)	Deadly Encounter	Unlocking the Past	True Life	True Life	True Life	True Life	True Life	True Life	True Life	True Life	True Life	True Life	True Life	True Life	True Life	True Life
MTV	True Life Celebrity.	True Life Staten Island girls.	Early (N)	Naked	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh
NICK	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh
OXY	★★★ Basic Instinct (1992)	★★★ Catwoman (2004) Premiere.	★★★ The Italian Job (2003) A thief and his crew plan to steal back their gold.	★★★ Catwoman (2004) Premiere.	★★★ The Italian Job (2003) A thief and his crew plan to steal back their gold.	★★★ Catwoman (2004) Premiere.	★★★ The Italian Job (2003) A thief and his crew plan to steal back their gold.	★★★ Catwoman (2004) Premiere.	★★★ The Italian Job (2003) A thief and his crew plan to steal back their gold.	★★★ Catwoman (2004) Premiere.	★★★ The Italian Job (2003) A thief and his crew plan to steal back their gold.	★★★ Catwoman (2004) Premiere.	★★★ The Italian Job (2003) A thief and his crew plan to steal back their gold.	★★★ Catwoman (2004) Premiere.	★★★ The Italian Job (2003) A thief and his crew plan to steal back their gold.	★★★ Catwoman (2004) Premiere.	★★★ The Italian Job (2003) A thief and his crew plan to steal back their gold.	★★★ Catwoman (2004) Premiere.
PCN	PA Public Affairs	PA Public Affairs	PA Public Affairs	PA Public Affairs	PA Public Affairs	PA Public Affairs	PA Public Affairs	PA Public Affairs	PA Public Affairs	PA Public Affairs	PA Public Affairs	PA Public Affairs	PA Public Affairs	PA Public Affairs	PA Public Affairs	PA Public Affairs	PA Public Affairs	PA Public Affairs
PCNC	News	News	News	Best of NightTalk	News	Best of NightTalk	News	Best of NightTalk	News	Best of NightTalk	News	Best of NightTalk	News	Best of NightTalk	News	Best of NightTalk	News	Best of NightTalk
SCIFI	★★★ The Bone Snatcher	★★★ Jeopards Creepers (2001)	Pros vs. Joe	Pros vs. Joe	Pros vs. Joe	Pros vs. Joe	Pros vs. Joe	Pros vs. Joe	Pros vs. Joe	Pros vs. Joe	Pros vs. Joe	Pros vs. Joe	Pros vs. Joe	Pros vs. Joe	Pros vs. Joe	Pros vs. Joe	Pros vs. Joe	Pros vs. Joe
SPIKE	CS: Crime Scene Invstgn.	Prisoners Out of Control	★★★ The Longest Yard (2005)	★★★ Who Framed Roger Rabbit (1988)	★★★ WarGames (1983)	★★★ Stand by Me (1986)	★★★ Dead Poets Society (1989)	★★★ Saving Silverman (2001) Premiere.	★★★ The School of Rock (2003)	★★★ The Dukes of Hazzard (2005)	★★★ Air Guitar Nation (2006) Premiere.	Bull Riding PBR Anaheim Classic. From Anaheim, Calif.	Quest for One	Quest for One	Bull Riding PBR Anaheim Classic. From Anaheim, Calif.	Quest for One	Quest for One	Quest for One
TBS	★★★ The Bourne Supremacy (2004)	★★★ The Longest Yard (2005)	★★★ Who Framed Roger Rabbit (1988)	★★★ WarGames (1983)	★★★ Stand by Me (1986)	★★★ Dead Poets Society (1989)	★★★ Saving Silverman (2001) Premiere.	★★★ The School of Rock (2003)	★★★ The Dukes of Hazzard (2005)	★★★ Air Guitar Nation (2006) Premiere.	Bull Riding PBR Anaheim Classic. From Anaheim, Calif.	Quest for One	Quest for One	Bull Riding PBR Anaheim Classic. From Anaheim, Calif.	Quest for One	Quest for One	Quest for One	Quest for One
TCM	★★★ Bedknobs and Broomsticks (1971)	★★★ Who Framed Roger Rabbit (1988)	★★★ WarGames (1983)	★★★ Stand by Me (1986)	★★★ Dead Poets Society (1989)	★★★ Saving Silverman (2001) Premiere.	★★★ The School of Rock (2003)	★★★ The Dukes of Hazzard (2005)	★★★ Air Guitar Nation (2006) Premiere.	Bull Riding PBR Anaheim Classic. From Anaheim, Calif.	Quest for One	Quest for One	Bull Riding PBR Anaheim Classic. From Anaheim, Calif.	Quest for One	Quest for One	Bull Riding PBR Anaheim Classic. From Anaheim, Calif.	Quest for One	Quest for One
TLC	Property Ladder	My First Home Newlyweds.	Flip House	Flip House	Trading Spaces (N)	First Home	First Home	Flip House	Flip House	Trading Spaces	First Home	First Home	My First Home Newlyweds.	★★★ Saving Silverman (2001)	★★★ The School of Rock (2003)	★★★ The Dukes of Hazzard (2005)	★★★ Air Guitar Nation (2006) Premiere.	Bull Riding PBR Anaheim Classic. From Anaheim, Calif.
TNT	★★★ Saving Silverman (2001) Premiere.	★★★ The School of Rock (2003)	★★★ The Dukes of Hazzard (2005)	★★★ Air Guitar Nation (2006) Premiere.	Bull Riding PBR Anaheim Classic. From Anaheim, Calif.	Quest for One	Quest for One	Bull Riding PBR Anaheim Classic. From Anaheim, Calif.	Quest for One	Quest for One	Bull Riding PBR Anaheim Classic. From Anaheim, Calif.	Quest for One	Quest for One	Bull Riding PBR Anaheim Classic. From Anaheim, Calif.	Quest for One	Quest for One	Quest for One	Quest for One
TOON	Ed, Edd	Squirrel Boy	Scoby-Doo	Courage-Dog	Goosebumps	Goosebumps	Naruto (N)	Naruto (N)	One Piece (N)	Dragon Ball Z	Birdman	Venture Bros.	Frisky Dingo	Death Note	Bleach	Blood Plus (N)	Birdman	Venture Bros.
TRAVEL	America's Orient Express	World Poker Tour Hopefuls play in Atlantic City, N.J.	World Poker Tour Hopefuls play in Atlantic City, N.J.	World Poker Tour Hopefuls play in Atlantic City, N.J.	World Poker Tour Hopefuls play in Atlantic City, N.J.	World Poker Tour Hopefuls play in Atlantic City, N.J.	World Poker Tour Hopefuls play in Atlantic City, N.J.	World Poker Tour Hopefuls play in Atlantic City, N.J.	World Poker Tour Hopefuls play in Atlantic City, N.J.	World Poker Tour Hopefuls play in Atlantic City, N.J.	World Poker Tour Hopefuls play in Atlantic City, N.J.	World Poker Tour Hopefuls play in Atlantic City, N.J.	World Poker Tour Hopefuls play in Atlantic City, N.J.	World Poker Tour Hopefuls play in Atlantic City, N.J.	World Poker Tour Hopefuls play in Atlantic City, N.J.	World Poker Tour Hopefuls play in Atlantic City, N.J.	World Poker Tour Hopefuls play in Atlantic City, N.J.	World Poker Tour Hopefuls play in Atlantic City, N.J.
TVLAND	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies
USA	Psych	★★★ The Fast and the Furious (2001)	★★★ The Dukes of Hazzard (2005)	★★★ Air Guitar Nation (2006) Premiere.	Bull Riding PBR Anaheim Classic. From Anaheim, Calif.	Quest for One	Quest for One	Bull Riding PBR Anaheim Classic. From Anaheim, Calif.	Quest for One	Quest for One	Bull Riding PBR Anaheim Classic. From Anaheim, Calif.	Quest for One	Quest for One	Bull Riding PBR Anaheim Classic. From Anaheim, Calif.	Quest for One	Quest for One	Quest for One	Quest for One
VS.	★★★ The Karate Kid III (1989)	World Extreme Cagefighting	★★★ The Karate Kid III (1989)	World Extreme Cagefighting	★★★ The Karate Kid III (1989)	World Extreme Cagefighting	★★★ The Karate Kid III (1989)	World Extreme Cagefighting	★★★ The Karate Kid III (1989)	World Extreme Cagefighting	★★★ The Karate Kid III (1989)	World Extreme Cagefighting	★★★ The Karate Kid III (1989)	World Extreme Cagefighting	★★★ The Karate Kid III (1989)	World Extreme Cagefighting	★★★ The Karate Kid III (1989)	World Extreme Cagefighting
WE	★★★ The Blue Lagoon (1980)	★★★ Working Girl (1988)	★★★ Working Girl (1988)	★★★ Working Girl (1988)	★★★ Working Girl (1988)	★★★ Working Girl (1988)	★★★ Working Girl (1988)	★★★ Working Girl (1988)	★★★ Working Girl (1988)	★★★ Working Girl (1988)	★★★ Working Girl (1988)	★★★ Working Girl (1988)	★★★ Working Girl (1988)	★★★ Working Girl (1988)	★★★ Working Girl (1988)	★★★ Working Girl (1988)	★★★ Working Girl (1988)	★★★ Working Girl (1988)

FEATURES

Study: Sad people spend freely while shopping

The theory is well-known to advertisers, psychologists and personal shoppers.

By The Associated Press

BOSTON — If you're sad and shopping, watch your wallet: A new study shows people's spending judgment goes out the window when they're down, especially if they're a bit self-absorbed.

Study participants who watched a sadness-inducing video clip

offered to pay nearly four times as much money to buy a water bottle than a group that watched an emotionally neutral clip.

The so-called "misery is not miserly" phenomenon is well-known to psychologists, advertisers and personal shoppers alike, and has been documented in a similar study in 2004.

The new study released Friday by researchers from four universities goes further, trying to answer whether temporary sadness alone can trigger spendthrift

tendencies.

The study found a willingness to spend freely by sad people occurs mainly when their sadness triggers greater "self-focus." That response was measured by counting how frequently study participants used references to "I," "me," "my" and "myself" in writing an essay about how a sad situation such as the one portrayed in the video would affect them personally.

The brief video was about the death of a boy's mentor. Another

group watched an emotionally neutral clip about the Great Barrier Reef, the vast coral reef system off Australia's coast.

On average, the group watching the sad video offered to pay nearly four times as much for a sporty-looking, insulated water bottle than the group watching the nature video, according to the study by researchers from Harvard and Carnegie Mellon, Stanford universities and the University of Pittsburgh.

Thirty-three study subjects —

young adults who responded to an advertisement offering \$10 for participation — were offered the chance to trade some of the \$10 to buy the bottle. The sad group offered to trade an average of \$2.11, compared with 56 cents for the neutral group.

Despite the big difference, participants in the sad group typically insisted that the video's emotional content didn't affect their willingness to spend more — an incorrect assumption, said one of the study's co-authors.

BELLE VERNON AREA HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The following were named to the second-quarter honor roll at Belle Vernon Area High School:

Grade nine

Highest honors

Alicia Babines, Michelle Baxendell, Corey Beard, Kelly Boyles, Zachary Carson, Deidra Demoss, Brandon Dugan, Autumn Fields, Matthew Green, Seth Gregor, Nicholas Gruber, Jessalyn Kash, Megan Kelly, Lindsey Lash, Mario Leone, Timothy Moore, Matthew Naylor, Zachary Pitner, Eric Porter, Royce Riva, Mara Sawdy, Tanner Sebastian, Nicholas Sewchek, Mary Spang, Taylor Stein, Michael Thayer, Tyler Verin, Mary Wardle and Kelsey Zborovancik.

High honors

Hayley Anderson, Chelsea Angelo, Andrew Bowers, Emily Caldwell, Jacob Campbell, Ashley Crisi, Jared Ebbitt, Karlee Ferguson, Kara Gibson, Luke Gigliotti, Nicholas Glotfelty, Mark Harris, Colin Hildenbrand, Sean Leavor, Louis Marinos, Tiffany McKnight, Hanna Mrozinski, Hannah Naylor, Tyler Pirilla, Rachel Rhodes, Corrin Smith, Koreyanne Smith, Emily Stankiewicz, Justina Szakal, Elissa Vaverka and Mercedes Zuzak.

Honors

Joyce Anderson, Kalee Balaska, Courtney Basista, Matthew Bialon, Alysia Binger, Brett Bishop, Stefan Bonasorte, Jeremy Branik, Robert Campbell, Ashley Chew, Vienna Costanza, Joshua Coven, Krystle Crampo, Grant Curran, Dylan Dominico, Mackenzie Dudzik, Desiree Edmonds, Seth Ellison, Ellie Evans, Kaitlyn Evans, Michael Fauvie, Katelynn Fedoris, Crystal Flanner, Michael Francia, Beatrice Herring, Alyssa Imbrogno, Matthew Janus, Cody Kerley, Taylor Kohr, Derek Kurdilla, Angelia Lawson, Bo Lustig, Brittany Mackey, Sarah Molchan, Tyler Naulty, Chelcie Naylor, Chelsea Omasta, Ashleigh Peroney, Emily Pollock, Royce Rapacchietta, Donald Rechichar, Alexander Roberts, James Roberts, Brianne Roman, Francesca Ruffolo, Tyler Scott, Cody Sethman, William Shoemaker, Charis Siau, Travis Spagnolo, Jordan Spence, Krystle Stipkovic, Neli Stoycheva, Nakell Sullivan, Kala Vargo, Sarah Wurmlinger, Alexandria Wyke, Travis Yex, Joshua Yoskosky and Alyssa Zenobi.

Grade 10

Highest honor

Dante Altemara, Mia Amatangelo, Breanne Bachovchin, Ashley Bronakowski, John Carter, Joseph Cervone, Anthony Cociolone, Jocelyn Connolly, Dylan Galper, Taylor Gilchrist, Kate Gillen, Lindsay Henderson, Anna Herold, Jillian Horrell, Sarah Jara, Jessica Leadbitter, Lisa Manderino, Mitchell McCloskey, James Miller, Karabeth Mollenauer, Jarrod Musiak, Kelsey O'pry, Haylie Parkinson, Nichole Petrusa, Upedgraff, Sydney Rusak, Justin Sellow, Clinton Skibo, Brian Soltis, Samantha Steiner and Ryan Trombley.

High honor

Rick Angioletti, Karly Bennett, Jonathan Boscan, Bethany Christopher, Joseph Chunkala, Gabrielle Dalfonso, Brandon Dillmore, Rachel Dominick, Eric Garber, Tyler Gilchrist, Amanda Gorecki, Kylee Heck, Alexa Henry, Christopher Kovalchuk,

Brendan Lacey, Natalie Lazar, Spencer Lynn, Kaitlyn McManus, Kyle Naden, Corey Pazak, Allison Radic, Zachary Ramsey, Megan Russell, Shawn Scheponik, Trevor Scott, Chelsea Sebetich, Thomas Seman, Ronald Sethman, Melinda Siber, David Sickler, Derek Stricklin, Bethany Wilson and Timothy Wilson.

Honor

Alexandria Albaugh, Brett Albaugh, John Anderson, Richard Baldwin, Ekaterina Berkebile, Anastasia Bonasorte, Katrina Brooks, Haley Canigiani, Joseph Cervantes, Jacob Corrick, Joshua Dainty, Jeffrey Fleming, Shana Frantz, Laura Giarrusso, Samantha Hart, Kaytlin Heckler, Kilee Holomshek, Courtney Jodon, Nicole Kemmerling, Nicholas King, Eric Kostelac, Kristen Lees, Keith Livingstone, Laura Livingstone, Kathryn Loranger, Gerald Manown, Michelle Miele, April Mori, Ryan Nelson, Krystal Page, Dominic Papa, Joshua Pohlott, Devon Reisel, Randall Roberts, Dylan Rupert, Garrett Santori, Marla Sasko, Candice Saxberg, Taleena Smith, Andrew Spate, Lauren Stanley, Christine Steffey, Emily Tenuta, Jeremy Tietze, Jessalyn Timko, Brenton Tokay, Mark Tomich, Jessica Villalobos, Cody Williams and Michelle Wright.

Grade 11

Highest honor

Tyler Andrews, Elissa Belczyk, Marissa Berkley, Alyssa Canestrale, Michal Carlock, Madeline Carson, Amanda Chamberlain, Vinson Costanza, Taylor Couch, Craig Delzangle, Brian Gazda, Casey Giles, Kaytlin Gill, Michael Green, Jesse Gregor, Katie Grove, Mary Grove, David Johnson, Juliann Keffer, Leslie Lash, Dominic Leone, Victoria Lombardo, Marissa Manko, Alyssa Mrozek, Patrik Natali, Keeley Naulty, Shane O'toole, Margaret Pavlick, Jessica Rubino, Caitlin Sawyer, Thomas Sebastian, Amanda Sethman, Sarah Sewchek, Edward Staryarsky, Jacob Steele, Sean Stewart, Joshua Walsh, Zachary Wardle, Ashley Weaver, Kenneth Williams, Jocelyn Wood, Ashley Woss, Zachary Yonash, Philip Zona and Steffani Zuraw.

High honor

Stephanie Barger, Jessica Couser, Anne Cowen, Jacob Cramer, Shane Davis, Brianna Delmastro, Leigh Durka, Jocelyn Fenyar, Andrew Gagliardi, Matthew Galper, Adam Gillingham, Joseph Guarinoni, Nicholas Hough, Miles Huebner, Casey Jackson, Kristen Lee, James Logreco, Stephen Loranger, Alicia Lyons, Ashley Magruda, Christopher McConnell, Philip Miceli, Matthew Miele, Aaron Mikula, Apryl Patterson, Jessica Pauline, Anthony Pezzelle, Matthew Plavchak, Casey Premoshis, Aleesha Rathway, Sarah Reeb, Anton Ribich, Ashley Sefchok, Dalton Smith, Alan Spence, Louis Speroni, Cori Stark, Rebecca Steban, Robert Stipkovic, Keifer Szurszewski, Faith Tomey, Nicole Wain, Joseph Walsh, John Watroba, Kelsey Weaver, Taylor Welsh, Maura Williams, Jaclyn Wood and Jenna Zatelli.

Honors

Joshua Baran, Dante Barella, Lyssa Bishop, Cody Bloore, Michael Boso, John Bujanowski, Dustin Capco, Karlee Chaybin, Melissa Chretien, Martin Doctorick,

Cassie Dzimiera, Aimee Fine, Nello Fossi, Anthony Frucella, Shane Gauden, Allison Golik, Nichole Greco, Dustin Greenwood, Brennan Hill, Eric Hiller, Carly Jackson, David Lewis, Samantha Martin, Kaitlin Matson, Megan McNeil, Brian Milan, Arron Morgan, David Mutich, Alyson Neidermeyer, Blaise Pacy, Mariah Parsons, Wade Peart, Brennan Perry, Brett Perry, Daniel Perry, Brooke Raible, Tyler Reed, Nolan Russell, Travis Scott, Kelsey Sheehan, David Stanley, Janee Stokes, Patrick Tasser, Marissa Trilli, Shaina Vasquez, Kaitlyn Wrona and Matthew Wyne.

Grade 12

Highest honor

Kristen Baxendell, Dana Blair, Ian Bridge, Rosemarie Brown, Nicole Cervone, Galina Chaykina, Ian Cicco, David Doctorick, Sarah Farquhar, Hannah Gigliotti, Kelsey Gilchrist, Allyson Gilmore, Matthew Glotfelty, Matthew Gruber, Michelle Hajostek, Kaytlin Kelly, Jayson Krepps, Alana Lacey, Jordan Lexie, Timothy Luciani, Megan McGregor, Michael Mendicino, Rebecca Mendicino, Perry Mitchell, Erica Mokay, Rose Monahan, Rhiannon Morich, Jacob Nagy, John Naylor, Jeremy Nelson, Shane Nickolich, Shannon Page, Ashley Pokol, Amanda Porter, Aimee Radic, Alicia Ramsier, Brittany Rathway, Megan Russell, Jenna Sasanko, Raymond See, Lauren Spang, Donald Tasser, Marla Veschio, Matthew Waggett, Molly Wilson and Alicia Zoppetti.

High honors

Jeffrey Ambrose, Melissa Baldwin, Frank Baranowski, Barbra Bednarczyk, Jessica Biddle, Kristen Bobuk, Karina Chaykina, Danielle Ciez, Thomas Cole, Jacob Dudzinski, Brittany Fagioletti, Jaron Fayish, Jillian Fedoris, Whitney Ferita, Alexis Ferrante, Dangelica Garzarelli, Natalie Giarrusso, Brittany Harding, Timothy Howard, Crystal Jackson, John Kostelac, Jonathan Krepps, Andre Maldonado, Cullen Manown, Erin Naylor, Jessica Nicodemus, Jeffrey Orr, Briana Rapacchietta, Lorie Rathway, Jessica Regula, Jillian Rippel, Ashley Sandin, Heather Sellow, William Smith, Jessica Tietze, Samantha Tolbert, Jaclyn Trunzo, Devin Watkins, Brittany Weaver, Rachel Wurmlinger and Jonathan Zora.

Honors

Harve Anderson, Paige Anderson, Liza Blanco, Samantha Bridge, Lucas Cerini, Jessica Cervantes, Don Dolan, Colby Estabrook, Caitlyn Fiem, Marcus Fiorino, Jessica Fordyce, Jared Frederick, Jessica Gassner, Crystal Gordon, Tyler House, Morgan Hrach, Zachary Jupin, Alycia Kelly, Alyssa Kukonik, Erica Matay, James McGavitt, David Mori, Mitchell Naden, Rachel Nicodemus, Thamar Perry, Nicholas Plavchak, Lacey Rechichar, Chad Resetar, Chad Rodriguez, Aaron Rutherford, Brittany Sanner, Daniel Sotak, Kayla Steele, Darren Stout, Adam Talbert, Kayla Teman, Colton Thomas, Thomas Tomlinello, Katie Troup, Brittany Wasko, Kayla Watson, Courtney Winn, Stephen Wolfe, Robert Wright, Ashley Zenyuh, John Zites and Benjamin Zucconi.

CALENDAR WATCH

Sunday

■Steel City Quartet concert, Charleroi Baptist Church, 10:45 a.m.

■Spaghetti dinner, Monongahela 455 Elks, noon to 6 p.m.

■Spaghetti dinner, Ginger Hill Grange, noon to 6 p.m.

■All-you-can-eat soup dinner, Hungarian Reformed Church, Duquesne, 1 to 4 p.m.

■Bingo, St. Charles Borromeo Parish,

Sutersville, 1 p.m.

■Valentine Penny Social, Holy Resurrection Church, Belle Vernon, 3 p.m.

■PNA Council 60 meeting, Bentleyville hall, 1 p.m.

■Spaghetti dinner, Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, California, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

■Doughnut sale, Transfiguration Church, Monongahela, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Monday

■Overeaters Anonymous meeting, Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Rostraver Township, 10:30 a.m.

■VFW Post 1409, Monongahela, meeting, post, 7:30 p.m.

■Mon Valley Sewage Authority board of directors meeting, authority office, Donora, 7 p.m.

■Internet Safety for Children program, Ringgold High School, 7 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Monongahela Veterans Council sets meeting

The Monongahela Veterans Council will meet 7 p.m. Wednesday at the VFW.

Waffle breakfast being planned

The Center in the Woods, California, will sponsor a waffle breakfast 8:15 a.m. Thursday. The menu comprises waffle, sausage, orange juice and coffee. Register at the front desk or call (724) 938-3554.

Merchant Marine Veterans to meet

The American Merchant Marine Veterans, Mon Valley Chapter will conduct a luncheon meeting 12:30 p.m. Thursday at Hoss's Steak and Sea House, Route 51, Pleasant Hills. For information, call (412) 466-0250.

Drinking water clinic scheduled

The Westmoreland Conservation District will offer a Drinking Water Clinic 1:30 to 3 p.m. Feb. 20 at the Donohoe Center in Hempfield Township. The clinic is designed for people with such private drinking water systems wells and springs. Registration is required by Feb. 16 and can be accomplished by contacting Dana at (724)

837-1402 or def18@psu.edu.

Caregiver Support Group set meeting

The Albert Gallatin Home Care & Hospice Caregiver Support Group will meet 2 p.m. Thursday in the conference room, 100 Stoops Drive, Suite 300, Monongahela. For information, call 1 (800) 245-4144, ext. 1222.

ARC Mon Valley schedules dance

ARC Mon Valley will conduct a dance 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the Speers Borough Building. The group will meet Saturday at Lynnwood Lanes, Washington Township.

Members sought for fire department auxiliary

The Monessen Volunteer Fire Department No. 1 Auxiliary is seeking members age 18 and older. Prospective members should call Linda Palmer at (724) 797-0747 or attend a meeting 4 p.m. Feb. 17 at the Firemen's Club on third Street.

Valley Garden Club to meet

The Valley Garden Club will meet 9:30 a.m. Thursday at Lynnwood Lutheran Church, Washington Township.

Monessen kindergarten registration set

The Monessen School District will conduct kindergarten registration at the Monessen Elementary Center 9:30 to 11 a.m. March 4 and 5.

Children must be 5 years old on or before Aug. 31 and must be present at the time of registration.

At the time of registration, the parent must submit:

■A birth certificate.
■Immunization records.
■Two documents as proof of residency, such as driver's license, auto registration, utility bills, tax statements, voter registration, wage checks, public assistance or Social Security.

To attend school a child must have received the following immunization treatments:

■Diphtheria/Tetanus - 4 doses, 1 being on or after the fourth birthday.
■Polio vaccine - 4 doses.
■Measles, mumps, rubella vaccine, 2 doses.

■Hepatitis B vaccine - 3 doses.
■Varicella vaccine - 1 dose, or history of chicken pox immunity by lab test, or written statement from parent, guardian, or physician.

Children not meeting immunization requirements and proof of residency by the first day of the 2008-2009 school year might be excluded.

Children eligible for first grade who are not already attending Monessen Elementary Center can attend the March 4 and 5 sessions. Birth certificate, immunization records and proof of residency are required.

Charleroi Area kindergarten registration set

The Charleroi Area School District conduct kindergarten registration for children who will enter kindergarten next school term.

To enter kindergarten, a child must be age 5 by Aug. 31.

Registration will take place 1 to 3:30 p.m. Feb. 27 for students with last names beginning with A-L. Registration for students with last names beginning with M-Z will be 1 to 3:30 p.m. March 26.

Parents and guardians must bring children to the registration events and present the following:

■Child's birth certificate
■Such proof of residency as current document with parent's name and address on gas, electric, water, cable or telephone bills.
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The Department of Health might add additional requirements to the start of the 2008-2009 school year.

Children will not be admitted for the 2008-2009 school year without proper immunization and other listed requirements.

Parents of children who are entering first grade but did not attend kindergarten at Charleroi Elementary Center can register at either session.

RELIGION

Venezuelans increasingly turn to Santeria for spiritual needs

Some believe certain gods offer protection from nation's rampant violent crime.

By JORGE RUEDA
Associated Press Writer

CARACAS, Venezuela — The man says he is possessed by a god. He shouts, his body trembles and he lifts a sacrificed lamb to his lips, drinking its blood from the jugular.

This initiation ceremony, seldom witnessed by outsiders, has become increasingly common in Venezuela, as the Afro-Cuban traditions of Santeria and other folk religions gain followers.

The rituals have become an attractive option for Venezuelans seeking a unique spiritual path, including healing ceremonies aimed at curing everything from illness to heartache. Some even believe certain gods will offer protection from Venezuela's rampant violent crime.

The surge in Santeria, which is practiced by many in Cuba, can partly be explained by the arrival of thousands of Cuban doctors in Venezuela.

President Hugo Chavez has been providing Cuba with subsidized oil in exchange for thousands of physicians who come to the South American country to treat poor people.

Santeria priests are also making annual predictions for Venezuelans and issuing warnings — just like Cuban "santeros" do in Havana. Last month, one group of priests said the gods have indicated that the twice-divorced Chavez would be a more effective leader with a woman at his side.

It's a familiar pattern. Santeria has grown in popularity in New York, Miami and Puerto Rico in the past following influxes of Cubans, according to Mar-

garite Fernandez Olmos, a professor at City University of New York who has researched the religion.

In overwhelmingly Roman Catholic Venezuela, many shops have sprung up in recent years selling roosters, goats and other animals to be sacrificed in Caracas' working class barrios. In the city's churches, believers can be seen in head-to-toe white, praying to their gods before statues of Catholic saints.

Santeria was born in Cuba among Yoruba slaves from West Africa. They were forbidden to practice their own religion, so they fused their beliefs with the Catholicism of their masters, starting a tradition that has spread throughout the Americas. Catholic leaders consider the rituals idolatrous, but have come to tolerate the popular practice.

Santeria has been present in Venezuela for decades, though some experts say it is more out in the open now due to the political situation.

"The current political ambiance created by a populist government with its emphasis on nationalism has made Santeria more visible," said Leslie Desmangles, a religion and international studies professor at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn.

Along with Santeria, Venezuela is home to other folk religions, such as the sect surrounding the Indian goddess Maria Lionza, which has also been flourishing.

Believers in Maria Lionza make quick dashes through highway traffic in Caracas to reach a statue of the goddess in a highway divider. They lay offerings of flowers, liquor or coins at the foot of the statue, which depicts the naked goddess riding atop a tapir, a jungle animal.

The Santeria movement

nowadays cuts across racial groups and class lines, and includes lawyers and other professionals as well as the unemployed among its adherents. In spite of rapid economic growth propelled by Venezuela's key oil industry, people here face problems from crime to inflation.

"Santeria is on the rise because there are many people who need the help of higher powers to overcome their problems," said Belkis, a 51-year-old "santera" who declined to give her last name, saying true followers prefer anonymity.

She was among hundreds of white-clad believers who recently crowded into a Catholic church, praying before a statue of the Virgen de Las Mercedes, a manifestation of the Virgin Mary, who they said represents Obatala, a patriarch in the pantheon of Yoruba gods.

Some pay up to \$7,000 for the yearslong initiation process to become "babalaos," or Santeria priests. The Followers of Ifa, a Santeria association, says it objects to the practice of charging such sums, saying the religion is based on "humility, brotherhood and honesty."

The patchwork of other folk rituals in Venezuela includes lighting candles and leaving fruit and cups of liquor at makeshift altars among the tombstones at Caracas' largest cemetery. Others pray using idols that range from toy dolls to wooden statues of "malandros" — street hoodlums who serve as protector spirits on streets where killings are frequent.

One santero, a 40-year-old named Wilfredo who would not give his last name, said that while Santeria attracts many for positive reasons, there are those who use it for black magic "because they think they can go kill and rob and nothing will happen to them."



Associated Press

Faithful light candles to the Virgin of Las Mercedes church in Caracas, Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2007. Within the Santeria religion the Mercedes Virgin is considered a deity and receives the name of Batala. Every year on Oct. 24 Catholic priests allow the Santeria followers to enter the church and worship the virgin.

Black magic practitioners known as "paleros" are known to gather human bones from cemeteries in order to seal pacts with the dead, to call upon their spirits for vengeance. At least some of the grave-robbing that plagues Caracas' main cemetery is thought to be due to the paleros, who according to some Santeria followers offer up to \$5,000 for a skull.

In contrast, those seeking enlightenment and healing often visit the mountains of Sorte in rural north-central Venezuela, a key site for followers of the Maria Lionza sect.

A poor 21-year-old woman, Andrea Gomez, came here to see a Maria Lionza priestess who leads healing rituals, hoping her wisdom

could help improve a troubled relationship with her boyfriend and find a spiritual cure for what she called "psychological pregnancy" — uncomfortable abdominal swelling in spite of the fact she wasn't pregnant.

The ceremony began as the "curandera" priestess offered Gomez a tea-like drink made with anise, and then gave her a cigar and asked her to chew it. It wasn't long before Gomez spat it out and vomited — the first stage in the cleansing ritual.

Then she was led into a stream, where the priestess and her two helpers rubbed a concoction of herbs, stems and rum over her skin, and dunked her in the water.

Dressing her in a hospital robe, they led her to a large

flat rock, on which they poured a trail of talcum powder to draw a door-like "portal" for spiritual healing. They asked her to lie inside the white lines on a bed of banana leaves, and lit candles around her.

The priestess prayed aloud, speaking in tongues for the spirit world. The healer closed her eyes and appeared to drift into a trance, then placed her hands on the woman's abdomen and forehead.

Afterward, Gomez was helped up by her brother and cousin, and she sat on a rock appearing tired and peaceful. The priestess told the woman not to speak, and announced to those who witnessed the hour-and-a-half ceremony that "the evil" was gone.

VALLEY CHURCH BRIEFS

'The Last Supper' performance set

The Last Supper will be portrayed by the Upper Room Group at the First Baptist Church, Sixth and Vine streets, West Newton, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The multi-denominational group with a full cast, support personnel, props and costumes portrays the last supper Jesus ate with his disciples.

'Living Lent' program listed

Living Lent is the focus during the Lenten season at the Roscoe Presbyterian Church in the 11 a.m. Sunday worship and 6 p.m.

Wednesday dinner programs.

The first Sunday of Lent will include the sacrament of Holy Communion led by the Rev. Millie Adams, who will also lead the annual congregational meeting that follows the service.

The communion meditation, "The Passion Meal" will be given by Elder Richard Kara.

Lenten service set in Charleroi

The Charleroi Area Ministerial Association will hold a Lenten service 7 p.m. Sunday at St. Mary Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Jim Linn will deliver the message.

U.S. religious leaders hit Mideast violence

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — American Muslim, Christian and Jewish leaders say there is an urgent need for U.S. leadership to negotiate a lasting cease-fire in Israel and the Palestinian territories.

In a statement released earlier this week, the National Interreligious Leadership Initiative for Peace in the Middle East expressed support for President Bush's leadership in the region so far.

Now, the group says the U.S. and its partners should "press more urgently for meaningful, reciprocal, simultaneous steps by Israel and the Palestinian Authority to improve conditions on the ground and help restore people's hopes that a peace agreement is possible."

The steps that the group is advocating include having the Palestinian Authority block illegal arms shipments and disarm militias; a freeze on any expansion of Israeli settlements in the Palestinian territories and reducing military checkpoints for Palestinians; and quietly urging Arab leaders to help form a new, unified Palestinian government that can govern both the West Bank and Gaza.

Gaza is controlled by the Islamic militant Hamas, while the Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah movement has a stronghold in the West Bank.

Among the more than 30 signers of the statement are Roman Catholic Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, former archbishop of Washington; Chicago Cardinal Francis George, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops; Rabbi David Saperstein of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism; Conservative Rabbi Elliot Dorff of American Jewish University in Los Angeles; Sayyid Syeed, national director of the Islamic Society of North America; and Imam Yahya Hendi, Georgetown University chaplain.

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One was a priest who supposedly married people despite the ban on marriage by the Emperor Claudius. (This ban on marriage was in effect because Claudius believed that single men made better soldiers.) In one of those legends about St. Valentine, we are told that Valentine refused to renounce Christ before Emperor Claudius in the year 280 AD and was thus, sentenced to death. However, before being executed, St. Valentine supposedly restored the sight and hearing of the jailer's daughter. And, some accounts even tell of St. Valentine sending a letter to the jailer's daughter signed, "from your Valentine," and this story is sometimes used to explain the custom of sending love-inspired cards on this day. Whatever the truth about St. Valentine, there is little doubt that love triumphs over all.

Love of God, gave countless martyrs the faith to accept their deaths with equanimity. Love also gives people who are wronged, the power to forgive their oppressors. And love inspires all of us to simply be better people. One has to wonder if Emperor Claudius didn't actually have it backwards. Perhaps instead of banning marriage, he should have required it, because those who are fighting for someone or something they truly love, fight much harder than those who are only doing it for money or honor.

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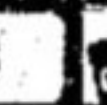
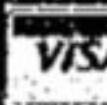
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